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**AIR TASK ORGANIZATION  
IN THE  
ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA**

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## PREFACE

This compilation of the air task organizations of the Atlantic Ocean Areas is believed to be reasonably complete and accurate. The basic source of information has been the operation plans and orders on file in Naval Records and Library, but data on the movement of units between the issuance of operation plans has come from war diaries, base, squadron and wing histories. In many cases where the organization of the command in a given area has been intricate and confusing, administrative histories were consulted and were found most helpful in clarifying the command relationships. This was particularly true in the case of the Eastern Sea Frontier.

The organization of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe is incomplete for the early days of the war because very little information was available in war diaries, no operation plans could be found, and no administrative history had been submitted.

When the sections on the sea frontiers, European waters and the South Atlantic were completed, it was found that the activities of the escort carrier task forces, and of air operations from Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland had not been included in any of the designated areas. Therefore, a section on the U.S. Fleet was added, giving the various operation plans, but footnoting only the activities that had not already been covered in the area treatment.

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December 1945

**U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA**

**1. Sea Frontiers**

- a. Eastern Sea Frontier**
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- c. Caribbean Sea Frontier**
- d. Panama Sea Frontier**
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**2. European Waters**

**3. North African Waters**

**African Invasion**

**Invasion of Southern France**

**4. South Atlantic**

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in areas other than those above.)**

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

September 1941 -- January 1942

1 January 1942 -- 14 April 1942

15 April 1942 -- 5 July 1942

15 April 1942 -- 5 July 1942

6 July 1942 -- 9 October 1943

10 October 1943 -- July 1945

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER <sup>1</sup>

SEPTEMBER 1941 - JANUARY 1942

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plan #7-41 dated 1 September 1941 and #8-41 dated 20 December 1941.

North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier #4-41 dated 10 September 1941, #5-41 dated 30 October 1941.

Cinclant

Task Force 6	NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIERS	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
6.1	<u>North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier</u> <sup>2,3</sup>	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
	Com Northern Patrol	
	Com III	
6.11	<u>Naval Local Defense Forces</u>	RAdm W. T. Tarrant, USN
	Com I <sup>4</sup>	
	Miscellaneous Escort Craft	
6.12	<u>Naval Local Defense Forces</u>	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
	Com III <sup>4</sup>	
	USS GANNET AVP-8	
	Miscellaneous Escort Craft	
6.13	<u>Naval Local Defense Forces</u>	RAdm A. E. Watson, USN
	Com IV <sup>4</sup>	
	Miscellaneous Escort Craft	
6.14	<u>Naval Local Defense Forces</u>	RAdm M. H. Simons, USN
	Com V <sup>4</sup>	
	Miscellaneous Escort Craft	

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

SEPTEMBER 1941 - JANUARY 1942

### (Footnotes)

1. Before Dec. 1941, Atlantic Fleet had its training program at NAS Norfolk and NAS Quonset Point with Fleet Officers in command. The Naval Districts had own NAS with some planes assigned to District by VCNO. When Frontier Forces were organized, it was planned to activate the Local Defense Forces of the Naval District Commanders; but these forces were wholly inadequate. Only two squadrons were available by 12 Jan. 1942 (VS-1D3, NAS, New York and VS-1D1, NAS, Squantum, Massachusetts).
2. On 10 March 1941, RAdm A. Andrews, USN, was made Commander, North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier in addition to his duties as Com III. The Commandants of First, Fourth and Fifth Naval Districts were placed in his command. On 7 September 1941 ComInch clarified the position by stating that Naval Coastal Frontier Forces (air and sea) would be composed of Naval Local Defense Forces. These would be made up of units assigned by the respective Commandants of Naval Districts from forces available to them. CNA-NCFF was made a TF Commander with Naval District Commandants as TG Commanders.
3. The region controlled by CNA-NCF (ComEasSeaFron) was modified in the period of its existence as follows: Dec. 1940 - St. John, New Brunswick, to Cherry Point, N. C. (approximately 150 miles off shore); Feb. 28, 1942 - St. John, New Brunswick, to Jacksonville, Florida (approximately 150 miles off shore); June 12, 1942 - present - St. John, New Brunswick, to Jacksonville, Florida (approximately 300 miles off shore).
4. Following 7 December 1941, CNA-NCF called upon his TG Commanders (Coms I, IV and V) to prepare to defend their districts and convoys passing through from impending attacks by Axis U-boats. A number of small Navy and civilian craft were available, but air support was almost wholly lacking. Army A/S units were at once brought in to provide both inshore and off shore patrols "because the Frontier possessed no planes capable of sea search." Certain Coast Guard units at Salem, New York, and Elizabeth City, flew patrols with obsolete and unarmed aircraft at the same time.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER<sup>1</sup>

1 JANUARY 1942 - 14 APRIL 1942

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plan #8-41 dated 20 December 1941 and #1-42 dated 4 March 1942.

CNA-NCP Operation Plan #1-42 dated 3 January 1942.

Cinclant

<b>TASK FORCE 6</b>	<b>NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIERS</b>	<b>RAdm A. Andrews, USN</b>
6.1	<u>North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier</u>	RAdm A. Andrews, USN <sup>2</sup>
	ComNorthern Patrol Group <sup>3,4</sup> Com III	
6.1.1-4	<u>Escort Craft</u>	
6.1.5	<u>Coastal Air Patrol</u>	
	VS-1D3, NAS New York, N. Y. <sup>5,8</sup> VS-1D1, NAS Squantum, Mass. <sup>6,8</sup> VS-1D5, NAS Norfolk, Va. <sup>7,8</sup>	
6.1.6	<u>Observation Group</u>	Cdr G. H. Mills, USN
	ZP-12 <sup>9</sup> NAS, Lakehurst, New York	
6.1.7	<u>Salem Air Patrol</u>	Lt. E. Fahey, USCG
	Ccoast Guard Aircraft <sup>10</sup> CGAS, Salem	
6.1.8	<u>Rockaway Air Patrol</u>	LtCdr W. A. Burton, USCG
	Coast Guard Aircraft <sup>10</sup> CGAS, Brooklyn, N.Y.	
6.1.9	<u>Currituck Air Patrol</u>	LtCdr R. L. Burke, USCG
	Coast Guard Aircraft <sup>10</sup> CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.	

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## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

1 JANUARY 1942 - 14 APRIL 1942

### (Footnotes)

1. Title Naval Coastal Frontier changed to Sea Frontier in March 1942.
2. Cominch refused in January request for transfer of Fleet Aircraft to Sea Frontier. 14 Feb. 1942, ComEasSeaFron advised that Fleet Aircraft based at Norfolk, Virginia, and Quonset Point, R. I. with advanced bases farther afield could be used by ComEasSeaFron (ComNav Districts) in emergencies only and not for routine patrols.
3. Beside the squadrons at Squantum and New York, miscellaneous Coast Guard Aircraft at New York, Elizabeth City and Salem, and Army Anti-Submarine Units, CNA-NCF had available on 31 Jan. 1942: two OS2U's at NAS Quonset Point; 3 J2F-5's at NAS New York; one J2F-5, one PBV and two ATBF-1's at NAS Norfolk; and three J2F-5's at CGAS, Elizabeth City.
4. Component parts of Northern Patrol Group are controlled operationally by their respective Naval District Commanders.
5. Commissioned 22 Dec. 1941 under ComNorthern Air Group (CNA-NCF)
6. Commissioned 13 Jan. 1942 under ComNorthern Air Group (CNA-NCF)
7. Reported to ComEasSeaFron at Norfolk, 28 March 1942.
8. On 28 March 1942, Cominch assigned a number of OS2U aircraft, originally destined for the British, to ComEasSeaFron and CGSF. Of these ComEasSeaFron apportioned 6 aircraft to VS-1D1, 6 to VS-1D3, and 18 to VS-1D5.
9. Commissioned 2 January 1942 under CNA-NCF.
10. Formally assigned to Frontier by Cominch, 7 February 1942.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

15 APRIL 1942 - 5 JULY 1942

Operating under: CinCInT Operation Plan #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42 dated 8 May 1942.

ComEasSeaFronFor Operation Plan #2-42 dated 15 April 1942.

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TASK FORCE 26	SEA FRONTIERS	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
26.1	<u>Eastern Sea Frontier</u> <sup>2</sup>	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
26.1.1	<u>Northern Force</u>	RAdm W. T. Tarrant, USN
	<u>Northern Air Patrol</u> VS-1D1, NAS Quonset, Mass. VS-1D1(Detachment), NAAS Lewiston, Maine <sup>3</sup> Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Salem, Mass. USAAF and Civilian Patrol units	
26.1.2	<u>Narragansett Force</u>	RAdm E. C. Kalbfus, USN
	<u>Narragansett Air Patrol</u> VB-9, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. <sup>4</sup> VJ-4 (detachment) NAS Quonset It. <sup>5</sup> VI-82, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. <sup>6</sup> VP-84, NAS Quonset It., R.I. <sup>7</sup> Coast Guard, Miscellaneous Navy, Army Air Force and Civilian aircraft	
26.1.3	<u>New York Force</u>	RAdm E.J. Marquart, USN
	VS-1D3, NAS New York Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Brooklyn, N.Y. USAAF and Civilian units	
26.1.4	<u>Delaware Force</u>	RAdm A. E. Watson, USN
	<u>Delaware Air Patrol</u> VT-9, NAS Cape May, N.J. <sup>8</sup> VJ-5, NAS Cape May, N.J. <sup>9</sup> Coast Guard, Miscellaneous Navy, Army Air Force and Civilian aircraft units	

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26.1.5 Chesapeake Force

RAdm M. H. Simons, USN

Chesapeake Air Patrol

VS-1D5, NAS Norfolk, Va.

VS-9 , NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>10</sup>

VP-84 , NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>7</sup>

VF-82 (detachment) NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>6</sup>

VP-74 , NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>11</sup>

ZP-14, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>12</sup>

VT-9, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>8</sup>

Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.

Army and Civilian aircraft

26.1.6 Southern Force

Southern Air Patrol

VN-14, NAS Jacksonville, Florida<sup>13</sup>

VN-15, NAS Jacksonville, Florida<sup>13</sup>

VP-83, NAS Jacksonville, Florida<sup>14</sup>

VP-94, NAS Jacksonville, Florida<sup>15</sup>

VP-84 (detachment) NAS Charleston, S.C.<sup>7</sup>

VS-9, NAS Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>10</sup>

Coast Guard, AAF, and Civilian Air units

26.1.8 Airship Force

Cdr. G. H. Mills, USN

ZP-12, NAS Lakehurst, N. J.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

15 APRIL 1942 - 5 JULY 1942

### (Footnotes)

1. Fleet Air was reorganized in July 1942 with ComIntWingLant (CPatWingPac) at top. Under them were Patrol Wings which exercised administrative control of Fleet Aircraft. Wing Commanders of Patrol Wings 5 and 7 (for example) located within the EasSeaFron command, could be utilized as TG Commanders by ComEasSeaFron to control Squadrons assigned by Fleet to the SeaFrontier. Actually, the operations of Fleet aircraft continued to be controlled by ComEasSeaFronFor through Naval District Commandants.
2. Relations between ComEasSeaFron and CinCInt, ComEasSeaFron and Army were "clarified" in June 1942: SeaFrontiers made equals of LantFlt under Cominch except that "Commanders of Sea Frontiers are responsible to Cinc of appropriate fleets only for operations which involve cooperation or coordination between Fleet forces and Sea Frontier Forces." In this case ComSeaFronFor acts as TF Commander of Fleet. Within EasSeaFron organization, Commanding General of I BomCom was made TG Commander. His units were not operated under Naval District Commandants as TG Commanders of EasSeaFronFor as were the Navy and Coast Guard Air and Surface Units.
3. A Detachment established at Bangor, Maine, 29 April 1942 and decommissioned 20 May 1942. Lewiston Detachment formed 5 May 1942.
4. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 15 April 1942 - based at Quonset Point - withdrawn 30 July 1942.
5. Detachment assigned to ComEasSeaFron in May and withdrawn in July. Based at NAS Quonset Point, Rhode Island.
6. Transferred to PatWing 9, 10 June 1942. Detachments established later at Norfolk, Cherry Point, North Carolina, and Jacksonville, Fla.
7. Assigned to NAS Norfolk, 12 April 1942. On 12 May, a 3-plane detachment was set up at NAS Charleston. When squadron was transferred to FAW-7 on 1 June 1942, a 1-plane detachment remained at Quonset Point, R.I. This was withdrawn in July.
8. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 26 April 1942 - remained at NAS Norfolk until 4 May 1942 - at which time it was sent to NAS Cape May. On 23 August 1942, it was withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron.

Footnotes (cont.)

9. A detachment of four planes assigned to ComEasSeaFron for A/S patrol during month of June 1942.
10. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron for 30 March 1942. First based at Norfolk with detachment at NCAS, Cherry Point. On 12 April 1942 Squad moved to Cherry Point, N. C. Withdrawn in September 1942 from control of ComEasSeaFron.
11. Transferred to PatWing 5, 14 May 1942. In June under operational control of ComEasSeaFron and was based until 22 Sept. 1942 at Norfolk. Transferred to PatWing 11 at that date.
12. Detachment of one blimp established at CGAS, Elizabeth City, N. C. between 10 - 19 June 1942.
13. Detachments of these squadrons assigned to ComEasSeaFron in May and June were based at NAS Jacksonville, Florida.
14. Detachments at Jacksonville and Charleston established under ComEasSeaFron 14 May 1942. Withdrawn 8 June 1942.
15. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 3 March 1942, but did not begin A/S operations until 31 May 1942 when it was set up at NAS Jacksonville. Detachments sent to Quonset Point, Cherry Point, and Charleston during fall. Detached by ComEasSeaFron 16 January 1943.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

6 JULY 1942 - 9 OCTOBER 1943

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plans #2-42, 8 May 1942; #3-42, 8 December 1942; #1-43, 1 September 1943.

ComEasSeaFrontFor Operation Plans #9-42, 6 July 1942; #16-42, 10 November 1942 and #1-43, 1 January 1943.

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TASK FORCE 90 <sup>1,2</sup>	EASTERN SEA FRONTIER FORCES <sup>3,4</sup> (ComTG 26.1)	VAdm A. Andrews, USN
90.1	<u>Northern Group</u>	RAdm Tarrant, USN (RAdm W. Brown, USN)
	Northern Air Patrol VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Lewiston, Me. (VS-31) <sup>5</sup> VS-1D1, NAS Squantum, Mass. (VS-31) (ZF-11, NAS So. Weymouth, Mass.) (VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me.) (VS-31) <sup>6</sup> (VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Bar Harbor, Me.) (VS-31) <sup>7</sup> Coast Guard Units, CGAS Salem, Mass.	
90.2	<u>Narragansett Force</u>	RAdm Kalbfus, USN (RAdm W. S. Pye, USN)
	Narragansett Air Patrol VP-82, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. (VB-125, 3/1/43) <sup>8</sup> VB-9, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. <sup>9</sup> VS-3D-1 (VS-33), NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. <sup>10</sup> VF-31 (Detach) VB-105, 5/15/43, NAS Quonset Pt. <sup>11</sup> VS-1D1 (VS-31) <sup>12</sup> , NAS Quonset Pt. VF-63 <sup>13</sup> , NAS Quonset Point VB-126 <sup>14</sup> , NAS Quonset Pt.	
90.3	<u>New York Group</u>	RAdm E.J. Marquart, USN
	New York Air Patrol VS-1D3 (VS-34), NAS New York VB-218, NAS New York <sup>15</sup> VP-203, NAS New York <sup>16</sup> Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Brooklyn, New York	
90.4	<u>Delaware Group</u>	RAdm A.E. Watson, USN (RAdm Dræmel, USN)
	Delaware Air Patrol VT-9, NAS Cape May, N.J. <sup>17</sup> VS-1D4 (VS-36), NAS Cape May, N.J. <sup>18</sup>	

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90.5 Chesapeake Group

RAdm M. H. Simons, USN

Delaware Air Patrol

VP-82 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va. (VB-125, 3/1/43)<sup>8</sup>

VS-1D5 (VS-37), NAS Norfolk, Va.

VP-74, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>19</sup>

VP-201, NAS, Norfolk, Va.<sup>20</sup>

VP-203, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>16</sup>

VP-209, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>21</sup>

ZP-14, CGAS, Elizabeth City, Va. (NAS Weeksville, N.C.)

VP-31, CGAS, Elizabeth City, Va. (VB-105, 5/15/43)<sup>11</sup>

VP-81 (Detach), CGAS Elizabeth City, Va.<sup>22</sup>

Coast Guard Air Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, Va.

VS-2D5 (VS-38), NAS Manteo, N.C.<sup>23</sup>

90.6 Southern Group

RAdm W.A. Glassford, Jr.,  
USN

Southern Air Patrol

VP-82 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>8</sup>

VS-9, NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>24</sup>

VS-2D5 (VS-38), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>23</sup>

VP-94 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>25</sup>

VB-105 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>11</sup>

VB-126 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>14</sup>

VB-134, NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.<sup>26</sup>

VP-94 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.<sup>25</sup>

VS-2D5 (VS-38) (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.<sup>23</sup>

ZP-15 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.<sup>27</sup>

VP-94, NAS Jacksonville, Fla.<sup>25</sup>

VP-31 (Detach), NAS Jacksonville, Fla. (VB-105, 5/15/43)<sup>11</sup>

VP-63 (Detach), NAS Jacksonville, Fla.<sup>13</sup>

ZP-15, NAS Glynco, Ga.<sup>27</sup>

VP-84, NAS Beaufort, N.C.<sup>28</sup>

90.7 Army Air Force and Civilian Patrol Units<sup>29</sup>

90.8 Airship Group<sup>30</sup>

Capt. G. H. Mills, USN

Fleet Airship Wing<sup>30</sup>

ZP-12, NAS Lakehurst, N. J.

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90.13 Fleet Air Wing 5<sup>31</sup>

Capt W. G. Tomlinson, USN

Hedron 5

90.14 Fleet Air Wing 9<sup>31,32</sup>

Capt O. A. Weller, USN

Hedron 9

90.15 Air Escort Group

Escort Air Detachment

VF-31 (Detach), NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. (VB-105, 5/15/43)<sup>11</sup>

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

6 JULY 1942 - 9 OCTOBER 1943

### (Footnotes)

1. In his #9-42 OpPlan, ComEasSeaFron employed Task Force designation of United States Fleet rather than that of the Atlantic Fleet. This was thought more appropriate since Frontier Commanders since June were considered subordinates of Atlantic Fleet only in emergencies.
2. Although the U. S. Tenth Fleet (A/S Warfare) was organized 19 May 1943 with all the East Coast frontiers included, ComEasSeaFron does not reflect this change in his TF organization until OpPlan 2-43, dated 10 October 1943.
3. On 17 Oct. 1943, Inshore Patrol Squadrons were all transferred to the Atlantic Fleet and immediately reassigned to the Frontiers. Thus after this date Naval District and Frontier Force Commanders had no squadrons not assigned by Fleet Commanders.
4. By December Fleet Squadrons were under Fleet Air Commanders for maintenance and training and under Sea Frontier Commander for operational control.
5. Decommissioned 11 February 1943.
6. Commissioned 11 February 1943.
7. Commissioned 6 September 1943.
8. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron (CTF 90) 15 September 1942. On 10 June 1942, detachments were established at Norfolk and Cherry Point, N. C.
9. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron (CTF 90) 30 July 1942.
10. Commissioned 20 August 1942. Reported to ComTaskFg 9 (CESF) 26 October 1942.
11. Transferred to ComEasSeaFron 30 September 1942. Headquarters set up at CGAS Elizabeth City in October 1942. Detachments established at Quonset Point, R.I., October 1942; at Argentia under CFAW 7, November and December 1942; and at NAS Jacksonville, Florida, February 1943. Squadron changed to VB-105, 5/15/43 and re-equipped with FB4Y aircraft. On 5/15/43, Headquarters changed to MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. with a detachment at Quonset Point. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron June 1943.

Footnotes (Cont.)

12. Detachment established in February 1943 and decommissioned in August 1943.
13. Transferred to ComEasSeaFron (FAW 9) 11 April 1943. Transferred to FAW 7 22 June 1943. Detachment at NAS Jacksonville during May and June 1943.
14. Transferred to ComEasSeaFron 16 June 1943 - Headquarters NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. Detachment NCAS Cherry Point, N.C. In July detachment withdrawn from Cherry Point to Quonset.
15. Reported to FAW 9 (ComEasSeaFron) 17 May 1943. Headquarters NAS New York. Transferred to CFAW 7, 11 August 1943.
16. Reported to FAW 5 (ComEasSeaFron) 24 February 1943 at Norfolk, Va. Moved to NAS New York, 24 September 1943. Transferred to CFAW 16, 4 October 1943.
17. Transferred to ComAirlant 23 August 1942.
18. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron (FatWing 9) 15 August 1942. Based at NAS Cape May.
19. Assigned to FatWing 5 (ComEasSeaFron) 14 May 1942 - detached 22 September 1942 to FatWing 11.
20. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 6 February 1943 - transferred 19 August 1943 to ComAirlant.
21. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron (FAW 9) 1 September 1943 - transferred to FAW 3, 22 January 1944.
22. Assigned to temporary duty to FAW 5 (ComEasSeaFron) January 1943.
23. Assigned to EasSeaFron 21 August 1942. Headquarters NCAS Cherry Point, N.C. Detachment at NAS Charleston established 3 September 1942. Headquarters moved to NAAS Manteo, N.C., 27 May 1943.
24. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFronFor on 29 August 1942.
25. Detachments set up at Cherry Point and Charleston, S. C. Headquarters at Jacksonville, Florida. Withdrawn from EasSeaFron command 16 January 1943.
26. Assigned to FAW 5 (EasSeaFron) 25 July 1943. Withdrawn 21 November 1943.
27. ZF-15 Headquarters established at Glynco, Georgia on 1 February 1943. Detachment at Charleston, S.C. set up on 1 August 1943.

28. Assigned to CFAW 9, 7 September 1943 at NAS Beaufort, S.C. Transferred to Quonset Point 18 December 1943. Detached from FAW 9, 11 May 1944 to CFAW 3.
29. In September 1943, Civilian Air Patrol and Army A/S Units replaced in EasSeaFron by Navy planes of FAW 9.
30. On 1 December 1942 Airship Group One at Lakehurst was ordered to report to Cinclant instead of to ComEasSeaFron.
31. On 1 August 1943 Cominch authorized the merging of activities of FAW 9 and FAW 5 with CFAW 9 responsible for maintenance of Fleet aircraft in the whole Eastern Sea Frontier. FAW 5 was made a training wing. Hedron 9 was broken into Hedron 9-1 (Quonset Point) and 9-2 (Norfolk).
32. September 1943, New York became home base of FAW 9 and CFAW 9 was assigned additional duty of EasSeaFron Air Officer.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

10 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

Operating under: CinCInd Operation Plan #1-43, 1 September 1943 and #1-44, 17 February 1944.

ComEasSeaFronFor Operation Plan #2-43, 10 October 1943; #3-43, 18 December 1943; 1-44, 24 June 1944 and #2-44, 1 December 1944.

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TASK FORCE 02	EASTERN SEA FRONTIER FORCES	VAdm A. Andrews, USN (VAdm H. F. Leary, USN)
02.1	<u>Northern Group</u>	RAdm R. A. Theobald, USN (RAdm F. Gygax, USN)
	Northern Air Group	
	VS-31 (Detach), NAS Bar Harbor, Me. <sup>1</sup>	
	VS-31 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me. <sup>2</sup>	
	VS-44, NAS Brunswick, Me. <sup>3</sup>	
	VFB-129 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me. <sup>4</sup>	
	VPB-141 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me. <sup>5</sup>	
	VPB-145, NAS Brunswick, Me. <sup>6</sup>	
	VS-31, NAS Squantum, Mass. <sup>7</sup>	
	VS-44, NAS Squantum, Mass. <sup>8</sup>	
	Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Salem, Mass. <sup>8</sup>	
	ZP-11, NAS, South Weymouth, Mass.	
	A/S/R Group (Miscellaneous aircraft) <sup>8</sup>	
02.2	<u>Narragansett Group</u>	RAdm W. S. Pye, USN
	A/S/R Units, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. <sup>8</sup>	
02.3	<u>New York Group</u>	RAdm E. J. Marquart, USN (RAdm K. Kelly, USN)
	Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Brooklyn, NY	
	A/S/R Aircraft, NAS New York <sup>8</sup>	
02.4	<u>Delaware Group</u>	RAdm K. F. Draemel, USN
	A/S/R Units, NAS Cape May, N.J. <sup>8</sup>	
02.5	<u>Chesapeake Group</u>	RAdm H. F. Leary, USN (RAdm D. K. LeBreton, USN)
	Chesapeake Air Group	

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### 02.5 (Cont.)

VS-37, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>10</sup>  
VF-209, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>11</sup>  
VS-60, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>12</sup>  
VP-74, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>13</sup>  
VI-214, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>14</sup>  
VP-73 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>15</sup>  
VS-38, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>16</sup>  
VP-32, NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>17</sup>  
VFB-74 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va.<sup>18</sup>  
ZP-14, NAS Weeksville, N.C.<sup>18</sup>  
ZP-24, NAS Weeksville, N.C.<sup>18</sup>  
VP-74, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>19</sup>  
VB-147, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>19</sup>  
VB-129, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>4</sup>  
VPB-206, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>20</sup>

A/S/R Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.<sup>8</sup>  
Coast Guard Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.

VS-38, NAAS Manteo, N.C.<sup>16</sup>

### 02.6 Southern Group

RAdm J. James, USN

VB-134, MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>21</sup>  
VB-149, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>22</sup>  
VS-38, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>16</sup>  
VS-31 (Detach), MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>7</sup>  
VS-34, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>23</sup>

VFB-141 (Detach) MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C.<sup>5</sup>

ZP-15 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.

VP-84, NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>24</sup>  
VS-38 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>16</sup>  
VS-35, NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>25</sup>  
VB-149, NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>22</sup>  
VS-36 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>26</sup>  
VP-73 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>15</sup>  
VB-141, NAS Beaufort, S.C.<sup>5</sup>

ZP-15, NAS Glynco, Ga.

VS-35, NAS Glynco, Ga.<sup>25</sup>

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02.7 Headquarters Air Group

Cdr N. M. Head, USN  
(Cdr. F. G. Greggs)

Quonset Point Air Units

VS-3327  
VB-126 (VFB-126)28  
VP-84 (VFB-84)24  
VF-1294  
VP-206 (VFB-206)20  
VPB-73 (Detach)15  
VPB-9229  
VPB-21230  
VFB-143 (Detach)31

Floyd Bennett (NAS N.Y.) Air Units

VS-3423  
VP-2032  
VP-7413  
VB-14719  
VB-126 (VFB-126)28  
VPB-1294  
VS-44 (detachment)3  
VP-73 (VFB-73)15  
VPR-13233  
VPB-14331

Cape May Air Units

VS-3626

02.8 Headquarters Airship Group

Cdr C. H. Kendall, USN  
(LtCdr F. S. Rexey, USN)  
(LtCdr H. S. Graves, USN)

02.14 Fleet Air Wing 9<sup>34</sup>

Capt. F. L. Baker, USN  
(Capt. D. T. Day, USN)  
(Capt. C. A. Bond, USN)

Hedron 9-1  
Hedron 9-2

02.15 Fleet Airship Wing One

Cdr R. F. Tyler, USN

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(Footnotes)

Decommissioned and returned to Brunswick, Maine, 7 February 1944.

Decommissioned and returned to NAS Squantum 14 February 1944. Re-commissioned 22 April 1944, decommissioned June 5, 1944. Recommissioned 4 December 1944, terminated 31 December 1944.

Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 30 January 1944 - 14 February 1944 (Squantum). Detachment at New York and Squantum with headquarters at Brunswick, Maine, 14 February - 6 April 1944. Units transferred to FAW-11 - 15 April 1944.

Assigned to CFAW 9 (EasSeaFron) 27 March 1944. Based at Quonset Pt. until 4 May 1944, Elizabeth City until 4 November, NAS New York until 11 November 1944. From 12 November 1944 to 21 May 1945, Headquarters at Elizabeth City - detachment at Brunswick 3 December 1944 - 13 March 1945. Transferred to ComAirlant 21 May 1945.

Assigned FAW 9, 7 July 1944. Headquarters remained at Beaufort, S.C. until 7 May 1945 when squadron detached from operations under EasSeaFron. Detachment at Brunswick 18 December 1944 - 24 April 1945. Detachment at Cherry Point, N. C., 24 April 1945 - 7 May 1945.

Transferred to FAW 9, 10 March 1945. Based at NAS Brunswick, Maine, until operations suspended 1 June 1945. Decommissioned 18 June 1945.

Cherry Point detachment commissioned 5 June 1944 - decommissioned two days later - main squadron ceased operations at Squantum, 21 May 1945.

A/S/R units established at these bases at end of November 1944.

Eliminated from TF organization of ComEasSeaFron by OpPlan 1-44 dated 24 June 1944.

Transferred to CFAW 11, 15 December 1943.

Transferred to CFSF (CFAW 3), 22 January 1944.

Reported to CFAW 9 at Norfolk, 1 December 1943 - decommissioned at Norfolk 5 June 1944.

Assigned to CFAW 5 (EasSeaFron) 14 May 1942. Based at Norfolk until 22 September 1942. Detached to Patting 11 and later FAW 16. Rejoined EasSeaFron at NAS New York, October 1943. Transferred to NAS Elizabeth City 14 December 1943 - January 28, 1945. Detachment 8 January 1944 - March 1944 at Norfolk. Detached from EasSeaFron 28 January 1945 and then reassigned temporarily 4 April 1945. Detached to ComAirlant 23 May 1945.

Footnotes)

4. Reported to ComEasSeaFron at Norfolk, 23 January 1944. Transferred to FAW 11, 12 September 1944.
5. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 10 January 1944 - based at NAS New York until 30 May 1945. Detachment at Norfolk January and February 1944; Detachment at Beaufort, S. C., 17-30 April 1944; Detachment at Quonset Point, December - February 1945.
6. Charleston Detachment moved to Beaufort, 5 October 1943. Headquarters remained at NAAS Manteo. Both moved to MCAS Cherry Point, N. C., 19 December 1943 - 6 June 1944. NAS Norfolk 6 June 1944 - 30 September 1944. Decommissioned 5 October 1945.
7. Assigned to FAW 9, 9 August 1944. Based NAS Norfolk 20 August 1944 - 7 April 1945. Detached on temporary duty to FAW 8 on 7 April. Detached to CFAW 5 on 30 June 1945.
8. ZP-14 transferred to CMSFF in May 1944 - replaced at Weeksville by ZP-21.
9. Assigned to CFAW 9, 23 October 1943 at NAS New York. Remained there until 25 February 1944. At NAAS Elizabeth City 25 February 1944 - 4 May 1944. Transferred to FAW 11 on 4 May 1944.
10. Reported to CFAW 9 at Quonset 7 May 1944 - 20 January 1945. Based at NAAS Elizabeth City, N.C., January - 22 May 1945. Decommissioned 4 June 1945.
11. Reported to CFAW 5 (EasSeaFron) 25 July 1943 at Cherry Point. Transferred to FAW 16, 21 November 1943.
12. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron at NAS Beaufort, S. C., 16 September 1943 - 6 October 1943. Moved to Cherry Point 21 November 1943 - 17 December 1943. Moved to Beaufort, 17 December 1943 - 3 August 1944. Withdrawn from ComEasSeaFron, 4 August 1944.
13. Moved from NAS New York to MCAS Cherry Point, 5 July 1944 - 4 June 1945. Decommissioned.
14. Assigned to FAW 9 at Beaufort, S.C., 7 September 1943 - 18 December 1943. NAS Quonset from December until 11 May 1944 when Squadron transferred to FAW 3. On 11 November 1944 reassigned to FAW 9 at Quonset Point and remained there until 7 April 1945 (transferred to CFAW 8, except for Detachment One at NAB, Coco Solo, Canal Zone).
15. Reported to CFAW 9 at Beaufort, N. C., 10 October 1943. On 22 May 1944 it moved to NAS Glynco, Georgia. On September 29, 1944, detached from CFAW 9.
16. Based at NAS Cape May until 2 June 1945 - Detachment at Beaufort in March and April 1944. Detached to CFAW 5 on 4 June 1945.

(Footnotes)

27. Detached from EasSeaFron control 5 June 1944.
28. Assigned to EasSeaFron 16 June 1943, Headquarters established at Quonset Point. Move to NAS New York, 15 December 1943. On 17 January 1945 squadron transferred to FAW 16.
29. Assigned to FAW 9, 6 January 1945. Based at Quonset Point, R.I. Remained there until transfer to FAW 5 (Decommissioning) 24 May 1945.
30. Transferred to FAW 5, 4 April 1945. Based at NAS Quonset. Detached to CFAW (decommissioning) 21 May 1945.
31. Assigned to FAW 5, 28 April 1945. Based at NAS New York. Detachment at NAS Quonset Point, 5-19 May 1945. Detached from FAW 9, 15 June 1945.
32. Transferred to CFAW 16, 4 October 1943.
33. Assigned to EasSeaFron, 1 February 1945 (NAS New York). 21 May 1945 operational control transferred to ComAirLant.
34. Decommissioned 19 July 1945.

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NOTE: The information on the preceding pages is believed to be as exact and as accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department at this time.

The following documents were carefully examined:

- (1) North Atlantic, Naval Coastal Frontier and Eastern Sea Frontier Operation Plans.
- (2) Atlantic Fleet Operation Plans.
- (3) TG 26.1 and TF 90 and C2 Operation Plans.
- (4) Eastern Sea Frontier War Diary.
- (5) Eastern Sea Frontier History (Northern Air Patrol).
- (6) Fleet Air Wing Nine War Diary.
- (7) Fleet Air Wing Nine History.
- (8) War Diaries and Histories of Squadrons attached to ComEasSeaFron organization when necessary to verify dates.
- (9) Daily Disposition Of Vessels and Aircraft.
- (10) Composition of Task Forces of US Fleet.

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES GULF SEA FRONTIER

7 December 1941 - 19 March 1942

20 March 1942 -- 30 June 1942

1 July 1942 -- 23 December 1942

24 December 1942 -- 30 December 1943

1 October 1943 -- July 1945

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER<sup>1</sup>

7 DECEMBER 1941 - 19 MARCH 1942

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #8-41 dated 20 December 1941; #1-42, dated 4 March 1942.

ComGulfSeaFront Operation Plan #1-42 dated 15 February 1942.

CinCLant

TASK FORCE 6	SEA FRONTIERS	RAdm A. Andrews, USN
6.2	<u>Gulf Sea Frontier<sup>1,2</sup></u>	RAdm Allen, USN
	ComGulfPatrol	
6.2.1	<u>Local Defense Forces</u>	RAdm Allen, USN
	Com VI	
6.2.2	<u>Local Defense Forces</u> Com VII	RAdm Allen, USN (Capt Crenshaw, USN)
	Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Miami <sup>3</sup> and St. Petersburg, <sup>3</sup> Florida	
	Navy Aircraft (training), NAS Miami & Jacksonville <sup>4</sup> VS-1D7, NAS Banana River, Fla. <sup>5</sup>	
6.2.3	<u>Local Defense Forces</u>	Capt. T.A. Thomson, USN
	Com VIII	
	Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Biloxi, Miss. <sup>3</sup> Navy Aircraft (training), NAS Pensacola & Corpus Christi <sup>4</sup>	
6.2.4	<u>Fleet Air Detachments</u>	
	VF-81 (Op training), NAS Key West, Fla. Miscellaneous Navy Aircraft, NAS Banana River, Fla.	
6.2.5	<u>Army Support Units - USAAF Coastal Bases</u>	

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

7 DECEMBER 1941 - 19 MARCH 1942

(Footnotes)

1. On 7 December 1941, Gulf Sea Frontier was part of the Southern Coastal Frontier. Its commander was also Commandant of Sixth and Seventh Naval Districts with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Its force consisted of Coast Guard patrol forces and minor Navy patrol forces comprising the Local Defense Forces of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Naval Districts. On 1 February 1942, a separate Seventh Naval District Command was established at Key West under Capt. Crenshaw, USN. On 4 February 1942, NAS Jacksonville, Florida (and vicinity), was transferred to jurisdiction of Sixth Naval District. On 6 February the Southern Coastal Frontier officially became the Gulf Sea Frontier. Eight days later the Sixth Naval District (including Jacksonville, Florida) became a part of the Eastern Sea Frontier.
2. Task Group 6.2 is the Atlantic Fleet designation for Gulf Sea Frontier. It is normally under CNO and acts as a Task Group of Atlantic Fleet only in special operations.
3. 18 OS2U aircraft were assigned 13 February 1942 to these Air Stations by CNO.
4. Fleet Aircraft were to be used by ComGulfSeaFron (via Commandants of Naval Districts) in emergencies only and not for routine patrols.
5. Assigned to Com 7, NAS Banana River, Florida, 13 March 1942.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

20 MARCH 1942 - 30 JUNE 1942

Operating under: CinCant Operation Plans #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 8 May 1942.

ComGulfSeaFron Operation Plan #3-42, dated 20 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 1 April 1942.

CinCant

TASK GROUP 26.21	GULF SEA FRONTIER	Capt. Crenshaw, USN (RADM J.L. Kauffman, USN)
26.2.2	<u>Seventh Naval District Patrol</u>	Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Miami & St. Petersburg, Fla. VS-2D7 <sup>2</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VS-1D7 <sup>3</sup> , NAS Banana River, Fla. VP-81 (Detach) <sup>4</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. Miscellaneous NAS aircraft, Miami, Fla. <sup>5</sup>
26.2.3	<u>Eighth Naval District Patrol</u>	Capt. T.A. Thomson, USN Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Biloxi, Miss. Miscellaneous N.A.S. aircraft, Pensacola & Corpus Christi <sup>5</sup>
26.2.4	<u>Fleet Air and Surface Units (training)</u>	Naval Aircraft-Fleet Air Detachment, NAS Key West, Fla. <sup>5</sup> VP-81 <sup>5</sup> Naval Aircraft-Fleet Air Detachment, NAS Banana River, Fla. <sup>5</sup>
26.2.5	<u>Army Support Units - Army-Controlled Civilian Patrol Units<sup>5</sup></u>	

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1. Atlantic Fleet designation for Gulf Sea Frontier.
2. Reported to ComGulfSeaFron at NAS Key West, 16 June 1942, then sent to an advanced base, Old St. Julian, Cuba.
3. Detachment set up 22 April 1942 at Nassau, B.W.I.
4. One detachment assigned to ComGulfSeaFron and based at NAS Key West, April and May 1942.
5. Utilized in emergency as Strike Forces by ComGulfSeaFron.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 JULY 1942 - 23 DECEMBER 1942

Operating under: CinCInt Operation Plans #2-42, 8 May 1942 and #3-42, 8 December 1942.

ComGulfSeaFront Operation Plan #3-42, 1 July 1942.

CinCInt

TASK FORCE 91 <sup>1</sup>	GULF SEA FRONTIER <sup>2</sup>	RAdm J.I. Kauffman, USN
	ComFG 26.2 <sup>3</sup> VI-534, NAS Key West, Fla.	
91.2	<u>Naval Air Task Group</u>	Capt. Sprague, USN
	Patrol Wing 12 <sup>5</sup> VP-81 <sup>6</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VS-2D7, NAAB San Julian, Cuba VS-1D7, NAS Banana River, Fla. VS-3D7 <sup>7</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla.	Capt. W.G. Tomlinson, USN (Capt A.I. Price, USN)
	Coast Guard Aircraft: CGAS, Miami, Fla. CGAS, St. Petersburg, Fla. CGAS, Biloxi, Miss.	
91.5	<u>Emergency Navy Strike Group</u>	
	Fleet and Miscellaneous Navy Aircraft NAS Pensacola NAS Corpus Christi NAS Miami NAS Fort Lauderdale NAS Melbourne NAS Banana River NAS Vero Beach NAS Sanford NAS Deland	
91.6	<u>Emergency Army Air Strike Group</u>	

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 JULY 1942 - 23 DECEMBER 1942

### (Footnotes)

1. U. S. Fleet designation for GulfSeaFron.
2. ComGulfSeaFron is authorized in emergencies to employ in addition to Naval and Coast Guard forces, Army A/S units and Army-controlled Civilian Patrol units.
3. Atlantic Fleet designation for GulfSeaFron.
4. Assigned to ComGulfSeaFron 25 July 1942 - detached to CFAW 11, 24 September 1942.
5. On 16 September 1942, Patrol Wing 12 (Headquarters Key West, Fla.) was established for administration of Fleet Units under operational control of ComGulfSeaFron (Com VII and VIII). Originally three squadrons, VF-81, VS-2D7 and VS-1D7, were assigned to ComPatWing 12. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing, 1 November 1942.
6. Assigned to ComPatWing 12 (GSF) 16 September 1942. That date a 3-plane detachment was located at Grand Cayman. Squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 12 December 1942.
7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 1 November 1942.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

24 DECEMBER 1942 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1943

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plan #3-42, dated 8 December 1942.

ComGulfSeaFront Operation Plan #4-42, dated 24 December 1942.

Cinclant

TASK FORCE 91	GULF SEA FRONTIER <sup>1</sup>	RAdm J. L. Kauffman, USN (RAdm W. R. Monroe, USN)
	ComTG 26.2	
91.2	<u>Naval Air Task Group</u>	Capt. Sprague, USN (Capt H. T. Stanley, USN)
91.2.4	<u>Fleet Air Wing 12</u>	Capt. A. I. Price, USN (Cdr B. C. McCaffree, USN) (Capt S. J. Michael, USN) (Capt H. T. Stanley, USN)
	Medron 12	
	VS-1D7 (VS-39) <sup>2,3</sup> , NAS Banana River, Fla.	
	VS-2D7 (VS-40) <sup>2</sup> , NAAB San Julian, Cuba.	
	VS-3D7 (VS-62) <sup>2,4</sup> , NAS Key West, Florida	
	(VF-63) <sup>5</sup> , NAS Key West, Florida	
	(VB-125) <sup>6</sup> , Boca Chica, Florida	
	(VB-132) <sup>7</sup> , Boca Chica, Florida	
	(VF-202) <sup>8,9</sup> , Key West, Florida	
	(VF-208) <sup>10</sup> , Key West, Florida	
91.2.5	<u>Fleet Airship Group Two</u> <sup>11</sup>	Capt W. E. Zimmerman, USN (Capt M. M. Bradley, USN)
	ZP-21 <sup>12</sup> , NAS Richmond, Fla.	
	ZP-22 <sup>13</sup> , NAS Houma, Louisiana	
	ZP-23 <sup>14</sup> , NAS Hitchcock, Texas	
91.5	<u>Emergency Naval Air Striking Group</u>	
	Miscellaneous Utility and Training Aircraft	
	NAS Pensacola, Corpus Christi, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Melbourne, Banana River, Vero Beach, Sanford, DeLand, Lake City and Daytona Beach.	
91.6	<u>Emergency Army Air Striking Group</u>	

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24 DECEMBER 1942 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1943

### (Footnotes)

1. In emergency ComGulfSeaFron could call upon Army A/S Forces and Army-controlled Civilian units - the latter, however, were withdrawn in September 1943.
2. Designation changed 1 March 1943.
3. Detachment of 3 OS2U's established at Walker Cay on 16 September 1942.
4. Detachment of six OS2U's set up at Cayo Frances on 1 March 1943 - withdrawn on 20 September 1944.
5. Reported to CFAW 12 on 5 April 1943 - detached on 12 April 1943.
6. Reported to CFAW 12 on 12 July 1943.
7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 12 July 1943.
8. Reported to CFAW 12 on 28 February 1943.
9. Detachment of 3 PBM's set up at Grand Cayman on 28 February 1943 and was withdrawn on 15 November 1943.
10. Reported to CFAW 12 on 19 April 1943.
11. Reported to ComGulfSeaFron on 1 March 1943. Designation changed to Fleet Airship Wing 2 on 15 July 1943.
12. Commissioned 1 March 1943 at NAS Richmond, Fla. - Detachment established at Santa Fe, Cuba, on 23 March 1943.
13. Commissioned 15 May 1943 at NAS Houma, La., under ComGulfSeaFron.
14. Reported to ComGulfSeaFron at NAS Hitchcock, Texas, on 12 June 1943.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plans #1-43, 1 September 1944 and #1-44, 17 February 1944.

ComGulfSeaFront Operation Plan #1-43, 1 October 1943; Change #4, 1 November 1943 and #1-44, 1 February 1944.

CinClant  
ComTenth Fleet<sup>1</sup>

TASK FORCE 03	GULF SEA FRONTIER	RAdm W. R. Monroe, USN (Capt H.H. Benson, USN) (RAdm W.S. Anderson, USN)
	Com Task Group 26.3 <sup>2</sup>	
03.2	<u>Frontier Air Task Group</u>	Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN (Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN) (Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)
	Units of FAW 12 and Fleet Airship Wing 2 attached to U. S. Naval activities: Key West, Banana River, Walker Cay, Cayo Frances, Camagues, San Julian, Grand Cayman, La Fe, Santa Fe, Richmond, Houma, Hitchcock, and to U. S. Coast Guard Stations, St. Petersburg, Biloxi and Miami.	
03.3	<u>Gulf Sea Frontier Fleet Air Task Group</u>	Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN (Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN) (Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)
03.3.1	<u>Fleet Air Wing 12<sup>3</sup></u>	Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN (Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN) (Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)
	Hedron 12 VS-624, NAS Key West, Fla. VI-2025, NAS Key West, Fla. VP-208 <sup>6</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VI-213 <sup>7</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VI-201 (VI B-201) <sup>8</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VI B-204 <sup>9</sup> , NAS Key West, Fla. VB-125 <sup>10</sup> , NAS Boca Chica, Fla. VB-132 <sup>11</sup> , NAS Boca Chica, Fla. VB-143 <sup>12</sup> , NAS Boca Chica, Fla.  VS-39 <sup>13</sup> , NAS Banana River, Fla.  VS-40 <sup>14</sup> , NAAB San Julian, Cuba VFB-145 <sup>15</sup> , NAAB San Julian, Cuba	

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03.3.2 Fleet Airship Wing<sup>216</sup>

ZI-21<sup>17</sup>, NAS Richmond, Fla.  
ZP-22<sup>18</sup>, NAS Houma, La.  
ZP-23<sup>19</sup>, NAS Hitchcock, Texas  
ZI-24<sup>20</sup>, NAS Hitchcock, Texas

Capt. M. M. Bradley, USN  
(Cdr. M.F. Flaherty, USN)  
(Cdr. A.L. Cope, USN)

03.5 Emergency Naval Air Strike Group

Miscellaneous Utility and Training Aircraft  
NAS Pensacola, Corpus Christi, Miami, Fort  
Lauderdale, Melbourne, Banana River, Vero  
Beach, Sanford, DeLand, Lake City, and  
Daytona Beach.

03.6 Emergency Army Air Striking Group

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

### (Footnotes)

1. Although the forces of ComFairWing 12 were assigned to Com Tenth Fleet in May 1943 for A/S purposes, this task designation does not show up on a ComGulfSeaFron OpPlan until 1 October 1943. CinClant first indicates the assignment on his OpPlan #1-43 dated 1 September 1943.
2. Atlantic Fleet designation of ComGulfSeaFron changed by 1 September 1943 OpPlan to T.G. 26.3.
3. Decommissioned 14 July 1945.
4. Detachment of six aircraft established at San Julian, Cuba, 4 February 1945. Another of three aircraft at Dinner Key, Florida, between 15 and 28 February 1945. Squadron detached from FAW-12, 29 June 1945.
5. Detachment at Grand Cayman was closed out 15 November 1943 and the squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 1 December 1943.
6. Detachments of three aircraft each were established at Grand Cayman, (15 November 1943 - 8 May 1944), at Pelican Harbor (1 October 1943 - 18 October 1943), and at Royal Island (15 May 1944 - 28 July 1944). Squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 28 July 1944.
7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 13 December 1943 - detached 24 November 1944. A detachment of three planes operated from Grand Cayman between 8 May 1944 and 20 September 1944.
8. Reported to CFAW 12 on 28 July 1944 - detached 1 June 1945. A detachment of three planes operated from Royal Island between 28 July 1944 and 15 February 1945.
9. Reported to CFAW 12 on 27 November 1944 - detached 24 May 1945. A detachment of one plane operated from Royal Island between 1 March 1945 and 15 May 1945.
10. A detachment of three planes was based at San Julian, Cuba, from 1 October 1943 until 8 May 1944 at which time squadron made its home base there. A second detachment of two planes operated from Camaguez, Cuba, between 3 April 1944 and 10 April 1944. The squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 5 February.
11. A detachment of six planes operated from San Julian, Cuba, between 9 August 1943 and 1 October 1943. The squadron was detached from FAW on 18 October 1943.

(Footnotes)

12. Reported to CFAW 12 on 26 June 1944 - detached 10 July 1944.
13. Detachments of three planes each were established at Walker Cay (16 September 1942 - 1 July 1944), at Royal Island (15 February 1945 - 1 March 1945), and at Dinner Key (1 March 1945 - 15 May 1945). The squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 27 June 1945.
14. A detachment of two aircraft operated from Camaguey, Cuba, between 3 April 1944 and 10 April 1944. Home base was moved to San Julian from Asiento Vieja on 1 August 1943. Squadron was detached on 1 June 1944.
15. Reported to CFAW 12 on 5 February 1945 - detached 4 March 1945.
16. Decommissioned 16 June 1945.
17. Squadron was based at Richmond but operated detachments at NAF, San Julian, Cuba; NAS, Banana River, Florida; and NAS, Houma, Louisiana, under ComGulfSeafRon. Another detachment was based at Chorrera, Panama, under ComlanSeafRon. On 24 May 1945 one-blimp detachments were set up at NAS, Key West and Army Air Base, Apalachicolo, Fla., under ComGulfSeafRon. On 25 May 1945 ZI-21 was transferred to FASW One under ComEasSeafRon.
18. Squadron based at NAS Houma, La., with Advanced Base at NAS, Hitchcock, Texas. Decommissioned 12 September 1944.
19. On 9 February 1944 squadron was transferred from NAS Hitchcock to NAS Houma and then on 1 March 1944 to Vernam Field, Jamaica, B.W.I. for operations under CFAW 3. Decommissioned 2 December 1944.
20. Commissioned under ComGulfSeafRon at NAS Hitchcock, Texas, on 9 February 1944. Transferred to FASWing One (ComEasSeafRon) 31 May 1944.

## ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE GULF SEA FRONTIER

**Note:** The information on the preceding pages is believed to be as exact and accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department.

The following documents were examined in the preparation of the ComGulfSeaFront Task Organization:

- (1) Com Seven and ComGulfSea Frontier Operation Plans.
- (2) Atlantic Fleet Operation Plans.
- (3) ComGulfSea Front War Diaries.
- (4) ConFlairWing 12 War Diary.
- (5) ConFlairWing 12 History.
- (6) War Diaries and Histories of the Squadrons attached to GulfSeaFrontier when necessary to verify facts.
- (7) Daily Disposition of Vessels and Aircraft.
- (8) Composition of Task Forces of US Fleet.

## ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN Sea FRONTIER FORCES

15 March -- 25 May 1942

25 May -- 15 July 1942

15 July -- 30 July 1942

30 July -- 11 December 1942

11 December 1942 -- 14 January 1943

14 January 1943 -- 15 March 1943

15 March 1943 -- 10 April 1944

10 April 1944 -- 10 December 1944

10 December 1944 --

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 15 March<sup>1</sup> - 25 MAY 1942

Operating under:

CinC<sup>l</sup>lant Operation Plan No. 7C-41  
ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 1-42,  
dated 15 March 1942.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier RAdm J.H. Hoover  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (when and as  
directed by CinC<sup>l</sup>lant.)

Task Organization

- A. Guantanamo Sector
- B. Puerto Rico Sector
- C. Trinidad Sector
- D. Curacao-Aruba Group

E. Atlantic Fleet Detachment - Task Group 26.3 of U.S. Atlantic  
Fleet. 5 DD, 1 A<sup>W</sup>D, 1 DE, 1 HNMS sloop, 1 Canadian Armed  
Merchant Ship,

3 SS of Subron 7

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1. CaribSeaFron Operation Plans prior to 15 March 1942 are not available. However, the following information is provided from the preface to the War Diary of the CaribSeaFron for 1942.

The Tenth Naval District was established 1 January 1940. On 1 August 1941, Rear Admiral J.H. Hoover relieved Rear Admiral R.A. Spruance as Commandant of the Tenth Naval District, Commander of the Caribbean Naval Coastal Frontier and Commander of the Caribbean Patrol of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

At the outbreak of hostilities the Caribbean Patrol of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Task Group 6.3, under the command of the Commandant of the Tenth Naval District, was operating in the area under CinC<sup>l</sup>lant Operation Plan 7C-41. It was composed of the U.S.S. Barney, U.S.S. Blakeley, Eagles 43 and 55, Patrol Squadron 31 with the U.S. Lapwing as tender, and the S-12, S-14, S-16 operating from the Submarine Base, St. Thomas.

On 7 March 1942 the Caribbean Naval Coastal Frontier became the Caribbean Sea Frontier.

e. Atlantic Fleet Detachment (cont.)

Patron 31<sup>1</sup>

Patron 92<sup>1 2</sup>

LAPWING AVP1

SAMPUR (Temporarily)

f. Antilles Air Force BGenHouse

Puerto Rico Region Interceptor Command

36th Pursuit Group 41 planes

Trinidad Region Interceptor Command

37th Pursuit Group (in Panama)

Detachment 36th Pursuit Group and Flight C,  
28th Squadron, 37th Group.

9th Bombardment Group 15 planes

25th Bombardment Group 7 planes

40th Bombardment Group 7 planes

59th Bombardment Squadron 7 planes

44th Reconnaissance Squadron 4 planes

27th Reconnaissance Squadron 3 planes

5th Reconnaissance Squadron 3 planes

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On 5 May 1942 Task Group 26.3 was augmented by ships from the U.S. Atlantic Fleet which remained with the task group until 15 May 1942. During this period the task group operated under ComCaribSeafron Operation Order No. 3.42 and was composed as follows:

26.3.9 MARTINIQUE GROUP Captain A.C. Bennett  
2CL, 7 DD

26.3.10 GUADELOUPE GROUP Cdr. G.W. Johnson  
4 DD

26.3.11 AIR FORCE

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1. VP-31 and VP-92 were both under the administration of PatWing 3.
2. On 1 April 1942 VP-92 had two planes at Guantanamo and five at Antigua. On 5 May 1942 the Antigua detachment was moved to St. Lucia.

26.3.11 AIR FORCE (cont.)

VP-31

VP-92

Antilles Air Force (as assigned).

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ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 25 MAY - 15 JULY 1942

Operating under: ComCaribSeafron Operation Plan 1-42, dated 15 March 1942.  
Caribbean Sea Frontier Group Operation Order no. 5-42, dated 25 May 1942.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier RAdm J.H. Hoover  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

26.3.1 PATROL AND ESCORT GROUP<sup>1</sup>

8 DD, 1 APD, 1 PG, 3 PC, 1 PY, PYc, 3 CGC, 6 HMAS Corvettes,  
1 HMAS Sloop, 1 HMAS mine layer

26.3.2 AIRCRAFT GROUP Lt. Cdr. Heberton

VP-31

VP-92<sup>2</sup>

SANDPIPER

26.3.3 Submarine Detachment Cdr. Knapp

3 SS

26.3.4 SUBMARINE BASE, ST. THOMAS LtCdr Fish

26.3.5 MARINE CORP AIR GROUP, ST. THOMAS LtCol Rogers

VMS-3

26.3.6 NOB, GUANTANAMO BAY Captain Weyler

1 DD, 1 PG, 1 ATD, 5 VP

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1. The ships listed in the patrol and escort group are also listed under their bases.
2. On 24 June 1942 VP-92 established a detachment of 3 planes at Camaguey, Cuba. On 5 July 1942 VP-92 moved from San Juan to Guantanamo, leaving 2 planes at San Juan for air-sea rescue.

**Task Organization (cont.)**

26.3.7 NOB, TRINIDAD Captain Ginder

1 DD, PY, 1 PYc, 1 PC, 4 VP

26.3.8 CURACAO-ARUBA GrOuP RAdm Oldendorf

2 PC, 5 HNMS corvettes, 1 HNMS sloop,  
1 HNMS mine layer

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 15 JULY - 30 JULY 1942

Operating under: ComCaribSeafFront Op Plan No. 1-42, dated 15 March 1942  
ComCaribSeafFront Group Op Order No. 5-42, dated 25 May 1942  
Correction to Caribbean Sea Frontier Order No. 5-42, dated 15 July 1942

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier VAdm J. H. Hoover  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

92.1 PATROL AND ESCORT GROUP

1 APD, 1 PG, 3 PC, 1 PY, 1 PYc, 3 CGC, 6 HMIS corvettes,  
1 HMMS sloop, 1 HMMS mine layer

92.2 Aircraft Group LtCdr Heberton

VP-31

VP-92

SANDPIPER

92.3 SUBMARINE DETACHMENT Cdr Knapp

3 SS

92.4 SUBMARINE BASE, ST. THOMAS LtCdr Fish

92.5 MARINE CORP AIR GROUP, ST. THOMAS LtCol Major

92.6 NOB, GUANTANAMO BAY Captain Weyler

1 DD, 1 PG, 1 ATO, 5 VP

92.7 NOB, TRINIDAD RAdm Oldendorf

1 DD, 1 PY, 1 PYc, 1 PC, 4 VP

**Task Organization (cont.)**

**92.8 CUBA GROUP**

**RAdm Robinson**

**2 PC, 5 HMS corvettes, 1 HMS sloop, 1 HMMS mine layer**

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 30 JULY - 11 DECEMBER 1942

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 2-42,  
dated 30 July 1942.

Commander Carib Sea Frontier VAdm J. L. Hoover  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

a. Guantanamo Sector Group<sup>1</sup>

Navy 92.6 Captain Weyler  
Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

NOB, Guantanamo Bay

Army MGen Collins

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Jamaica

Army Air Forces BGen House

Air Units, Jamaica, Cuba

b. Puerto Rico Sector Group

Navy 92. ComCaribSeaFron

Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

Submarine Base, St. Thomas

Army MGen Collins

1. Vessels assigned to sector groups are the same as those shown under the Naval Escort and Striking Group.

Army (continued)

Army Ground Forces

Joint Local Defense Forces, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

Army Air Forces

BGen House

Air Units, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

c. Trinidad Sector Group

Navy 32.7

RAdm Oldendorf

Vessels and aircraft as assigned

Local Naval Defense Forces.

NOB, Trinidad

Army

MGen Pratt

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam, Venezuela (mutual cooperation)

Army Air Forces

BGen House

Air Units, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam

d. Aruba-Curacao Group

Navy 32.8

RAdm Robinson

All U.S. and Dutch Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

e. Naval Escort and Striking Group

92.1 Escort Group

5 DD, 1 APD, 3 HMAS sloop, 1 HNMS mine layer, 3 HMS DD, 8 HMS corvettes, 14 PC, 19 SC, 4 PG, 1 PYC, 2 YMS, 11 CGC

92.3 Submarine Group

3 SS

Task Organization (continued)

92.2 Navy Air Group

Patrol Wing Eleven<sup>1</sup>

VP-31<sup>2</sup>

VP-92<sup>3 4 5</sup>

VS1D10<sup>6</sup>

Sundipper

92.5 Marine Air Group

VMS-3

f. Antilles Air Force

BGen House

Puerto Rico Region Fighter Command

Trinidad Region Fighter Command

25th Bombardment Group, Puerto Rico and Cuba

9th Bombardment group, Trinidad

59 Bombardment Squadron, Aruba, Curacao

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1. On 1 November 1942 PatWing Eleven became Fleet Air Wing Eleven.

2. On 15 August 1942 the administration of VP-31 was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.

3. On 19 September 1942 a 2 plane detachment was established at Great Exuma.

4. Transferred to Trinidad for duty on 10 September 1942.

5. Administration transferred to ComAirWingLant on 19 November 1942.

6. Commissioned at San Juan 2 July 1942.

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 11 DECEMBER 1942 -

14 JANUARY 1943

Operating under : ComCaribSeaFront Operation Plan 2-42, dated 20 July 1942  
ComCaribSeaFront Operation Order No. 7-42, dated 11  
December 1942

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group

VAdm J. H. Hoover

Task Organization

a. 92.1 Naval Escort Group

TU 92.1.1 Tarbell Group (Guantanamo)

1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.2 Greer Group (Trinidad)

1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.3 Upshur Group (Trinidad)

1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.4 Breckenridge Group (Trinidad)

1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.5 Bea Group (Guantanamo)

1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.6 Blakeley Group (Trinidad)

1 DD, 1 PY, 3 PC

1/  
92.2 Naval Air Group

2/  
VP-32

Quantanamo Bay	6 PBY3
Great Exuma	4 PBY3
Coco Solo	1 PBY3 (under repair)

3/  
VP-34

Quantanamo Bay	9 PBY5
Great Exuma	2 PBY5
Coco Solo	1 PBY5 (under repair)

3/ On 10 October 1942 VP-34 Transferred from PanSeaFron to CaribSeaFron, and on 21 October its administration was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.

2/ On 19 August 1942 VP-32 was transferred from PanSeaFron to CaribSeaFron and on 21 October 1942 its administration was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.

1/ The Naval Air Group represents the planes under the operational control of ComCaribSeaFron as of 11 December 1942. Administrative control of these squadrons was under Patrol Wing Eleven, which was commissioned on 15 August 1942, and took over the administration of VP-83, VP-31 and VP-92 from ComPatron Three. Administration of VP-74 was transferred to PatWing Eleven on 1 October 1942. VP-74 operated from Trinidad until 18 December 1942, when it was moved to Natal for operation under Commander Task Force 93. VP-83 had been operating from Brazil since April 1942, and PatWing Eleven maintained its administration, together with that of VP-74 and VP-94 until April 14, 1943, when they were transferred to FAW-16 in Brasil.

Naval Air Group (cont.)

VP-53 <sup>1/</sup>

Norfolk 1 PBY5 (under repair)

Trinidad 11 PBY5

Hedron 11 <sup>2/</sup>

San Juan 1 PBY5A

VS1D10 <sup>3/ 4/</sup>

Antigua 3S 0S2N

Borinquen 3L 0S2N

San Juan 4L 4S 0S2N

VS2D10 <sup>5/ 6/</sup>

Guantanamo Bay 13S 0S2N

VS3D10 <sup>7/ 8/</sup>

Curacao 8L 0S2N

San Juan 6S 0S2N

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1/ On September 24, 1942 the administration of VP-53 transferred from PatWing 12 to PatWing 11.

2/ Commissioned 29 August 1942

3/ Commissioned at San Juan 2 July 1942

4/ 23 October 1942 VS1D10 reports to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.

5/ Commissioned at Guantanamo 25 September 1942.

6/ 23 October 1942 VS2D10 reports to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.

7/ Commissioned at San Juan 3 November 1942.

8/ 23 October 1942 VS3D10 reported to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.

92.2 Naval Air Group (cont.)

1/2  
VS4D10

British Guiana	6S OS2N
St. Lucia	2S OS2N
Trinidad	5S OS2N

92.5 Marine Corp Air Group, St. Thomas Col. Major

VMS-3

St. Thomas	14 OS2N, 2 J2F, 1 JRF
St. Lucia	1 J2F

92.3 Submarine Group Cdr Hoffheins

3 SS

92.4 Submarine Base, St. Thomas LtCdr Fish

92.6 Guantanamo Forces Captain Weyler

Ships and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

NOB Guantanamo Bay

92.7 Trinidad Forces RAdm Oldendorf

Ships and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

NOB, Trinidad

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1/ Commissioned at Trinidad 1 September 1942

2/ 23 October 1942 VS4D10 reported to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeafRon.

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 14 JANUARY -

15 MARCH 1943

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Order No. 1-43, dated 14 January 1943.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

VAdm J. H. Hoover

Task Organization 92.0

a. Puerto Rico Sector

ComCaribSeaFron

Sea Frontier vessels assigned

1 PC, 1 SC, 3 CGC, 1 YMS, 2 AMc, 3 YP, 1 YN, 3 YNT

CG Reserves assigned to Dominican Republic

4 CGC, 1 AT

Inshore Patrol

4 YP, 1 AMc, 1 YT, 2 YN, 4 CGC, 1 CGR

92.2 Naval aircraft assigned

Captain Price

1/	VS1D10	Antigua	3S OS2N
		Borinquen	3L OS2N
		San Juan	6L, 2S OS2N

92.5 Marine aircraft assigned.

Col. Major

VMS-3 11 OS2N, 3 J2F, 1 JRF

Army aircraft assigned.

EGen House

Detbomron 35	Borinquen	1 H18, 2 H18E
Cofron 32	Arecibo	10 P40e, 4 P36A, 2 P40C
Cofron 23	Vega Baja	14 P39D, 3 P36A
Cofgru 36	Losey	2 P39D
Detron 23	Bourne	5 P40e, 1 P36A

1/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VS1D10 was changed to VS-63

Task Organization ( cont.)

b. Trinidad Sector Forces RAdm Oldendorff

Sea Frontier vessels assigned:

5 DD, 2 PG, 14 PC, 11 SC, 4 CGC, 1 PYc, 2 YMS, 2 AMc,  
1 YP, 1 AVP (Lapwing)

Inshore Patrol LtCdr Penny

2 YP, 1 AMc, 4 CGC

92.2 Naval Aircraft assigned. LtCdr Nichols

Hedron 11 Trinidad 1 PBM3

VP-53 " 10 PBY5

<sup>1/</sup> VP-81 " 4 PBY5

VP-34 " 4 PBY5

92.5 Marine Aircraft assigned Col Major

VMS-3 Bean Field 1 J2F

St. Lucia 3 OS2N

Army aircraft assigned.

Cofron 22 Waller 9 P39D

Cobowron 80 Edinburg 10 H18B

Combowron 10 " 9 H18B 1 H18

c. 92.6 Guanatanamo Sector Forces Captain Weyler

Sea Frontier vessels assigned.

3 DD, 1 PG, 9 PC, 2 Sc, 1 Py, 1 YMS, 1 AMc, 1 YN, 1 INT

6 CGR assigned to Haiti

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<sup>1/</sup> Reported for duty 18 December 1942. Administration transferred same date.

c. 92.6 Guantanamo Sector Forces (cont.)

Inshore Patrol

Captain Surran

3 YP, 1 AM, 1 AT, 2 YNg, 4 YT

Naval aircraft assigned.

LtOdr Craig

VP-32      Guantanamo Bay

4 PBV3, 5 PHM3

Great Exuma

2 PBV3

VP-34      Guantanamo Bay

2 PBV5

Great Exuma

4 PBV5

VS2D10      <sup>1/</sup> Guantanamo Bay

14S 062N

Army Aircraft assigned

LtCol Lippo

Detbomron 417 Camaguey

5 B18B

CoBomron 417 Verna

0 B18B

d. 92.8 Curacao-Aruba Forces

RAdm Robinson

Sea Frontier and district vessels assigned:

1 HMMS DD, 1 HMMS PG, 6 PC, 4 CGC, 4 YMS, 3 YP, 1 YNT,  
2 CGC

92.2 Naval Aircraft assigned

LtCdr Ingram

VS3D10      Curacao

9L 062N

Aruba

5L 062N

1/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VS2D10 was changed to VS-43.

2/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VS3D10 was changed to VS-44.

d. 92.8 Curacao-Aruba Forces (cont.)

Army aircraft assigned. LtCol Sanborn

Combowron 59	Hato	7 A20A, 3 B18B, 4 B18
Cofrondet 22		3 P39D
Cobowron 12	Dakota	6 B18B
Condetbowron 59		2 A20A
Comfrondet 22		2 P39D

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ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 15 MARCH 1943 -

10 APRIL 1944

Operating under : ComCaribSeaFront Operation Plan 1-43, dated  
15 March 1943

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Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization 04.1

a. Naval Escort and Striking Group

04.1 Surface vessels assigned to escort duty.

As assigned.

04.2 Naval Aircraft

2/

As assigned.

04.3 Submarines

As assigned.

04.5 Marine aircraft

As assigned

2/ The following squadrons were at the disposal of ComCaribSeaFront  
on 15 March 1943:

VP-32

VP-34

VP-53

VP-81 (reported 18 December 1942)

VP-203 (reported 13 December 1942 for shakedown training)

VP-204 (began daylight only operations 1 March 1943)

VP-205 (reported 2 February 1943 for shakedown training)

VP-207 (reported 10 February 1943)

VS-43, VS-44, VS-45, VS-63

VP-83, VP-74, VP-81 were administratively under Fleet Air Wing  
ELEVEN, but were operating from Brasil.

1/ Relieved by VAdm Cook 12 Aug '43 VAdm Cook detached 15 February 1944

**a. Naval Escort and Striking Group (cont.)**

**04.9 Lighter-than-air ships.**

As assigned.

**04.10 Killer Group**

As assigned.

**b. Puerto Rico Sector Group**

Navy - ComCaribSeaFron and Commandant Tenth Naval District

Vessels and aircraft as may be assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

**04.4 Naval Operating Base, St. Thomas**

Army - MGen Pratt

Army Ground Forces

Joint Local Defense Forces - Puerto Rico, St. Thomas,  
St. Croix

Combined Local Defense Forces - Antigua

Fourth Observation Squadron

Army Air Forces MGen House

Air Units - Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

**c. Guantanamo Sector Group**

Navy - RAdm Weyler

Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

**04.6 NOB Guantanamo Bay**

Army MGen Collins

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Jamaica, Great Exuma

Joint U. S. Local Forces, Cuba

c. Guantanamo Sector Group (cont.)

Army Air Forces MGen House

Air Units, Jamaica and Cuba

d. Trinidad Sector Group

Navy RAdm Oldendorf

Vessels and aircraft assigned

Naval Local Defense Forces

04.7 NOB Trinidad

Army MGen Patch

Army Ground Forces

Army Air Forces MGen Patch

Air units, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam.

e. Aruba-Curacao Group RAdm Robinson

04.8 All U. S. and Dutch Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

f. Army Air Group

Antilles Air Task Force MGen House

VI Fighter Command

36th Fighter Command

25th Bombardment Group

25th Bombardment Group

59th Bombardment Squadron

Area Service Commands Antilles Air Task Force

ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 10 APRIL 1944 -

10 DECEMBER 1944

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 1-44

Commander CaribSeaFron  
Commandant Tenth Naval District

Adm Griffin

Task Organization

a. 04.1 FRONTIER/SURFACE ESCORT, STRIKING AND SPECIAL TASK GROUP

SURFACE ESCORT GROUP

04.1.1 Vessels assigned to TAG-GAT Convoys - Task Unit Commander

04.1.2 " " " " " " " " " "

04.1.3 " " " " " " " " " "

04.1.4 " " " " " " " " " "

04.1.5 " " " " " " " " " "

04.1.6 Vessels as assigned. " " "

04.1.7 Vessels as assigned. Subsidiary Convoys " "

04.1.9 Vessels as assigned " "

STRIKING GROUP

04.1.11 A/S Group 1, Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

04.1.12 to 19 inclusive, vessels and aircraft as assigned.

SPECIAL TASK GROUP

04.1.20 Vessels not otherwise assigned.

04.1.21 to 29 inclusive - Special Task Units as ordered.

## Task Organization (cont.)

### b. 04.2 FRONTIER AIR TASK GROUP

04.2.1 to 10 inclusive FLEET AIR WING ELEVEN Captain Rule ✓

Squadrons assigned as of 10 April 1944

3/ VP-32	8/ VB-128	11/ VS-37
4/ VP-92	9/ VB-123	12/ VS-43
5/ VP-204	10/ VB-141	13/ VS-45
6/ VP-205		14/ VS-63
VP-210		
VP-212		
7/ VP-215		

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- 1/ 18 September 1944 relieved by Captain Crawford
- 2/ For distribution of squadron planes to bases, see breakdowns under sector bases.
- 3/ Transferred to FAW-5 8 August 1944
- 4/ Transferred from MorSeaFron to CaribSeaFron 10 March 1944.
- 5/ Transferred to FAW-12 25 November 1944
- 6/ Transferred to FAW-9, 19 September 1944
- 7/ Transferred to FAW-11 24 February 1944
- 8/ Transferred to FAW-5, 5 June 1944.
- 9/ Transferred to FAW-5, April 16, 1944.
- 10/ Transferred to FAW-9, 8 August 1944
- 11/ Withdrawn without relief and decommissioned 27 October 1944.
- 12/ Administration transferred to FAW-5 8 June 1944.
- 13/ Transferred to FAW-5 for decommissioning April 16, 1944  
Relieved by VS-44, VS-44 decommissioned 8 October 1944
- 14/ Decommissioned June 5, 1944.

FLEET AIR WING ELEVEN (ccnt.)

Squadrons assigned as of 1 November 1944.

1/ VP-92 4/ VB-147 5/ VS-63

2/ VP-204

VP-210

VP-212

3/ VP-214

FLEET AIRSHIP WING FIVE

Cdr Bailey

04.2.11 Blimp Squadron 51

04.2.12 Blimp Headquarters Squadron FIVE

04.2.13 to 19 inclusive - Blimp detachments as assigned.

MARINE AIRCRAFT

Col Major

04.2.20 to 29 inclusive - Headquarters and scouting squadrons as assigned.

ARMY AIR - Antilles Air Command BGen Hayes

04.2.30 to 39 - Army air units as assigned.

c. 04.3 U. S. ARMY FORCES - Antilles Department and Caribbean Coastal Frontier - BGen Shedd

04.3.1 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of Antilles Department

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1/ Transferred to San Juan from Curacao 27 November 1944

2/ Administration transferred to FAW-12 25 November 1944.

3/ Transferred to FAW 11 at Guantanamo 15 September 1944.

4/ Reported to FAW-11 5 May 1944.

5/ ComCaribSeaFron War Diaries do not show VS-63 as active after June 1944 but change No. 2 to annex "I" of ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows 3 SBD5's still operating from Borinquen Field as of 1 November 1944.

c. 04.3 U. S. ARMY FORCES (cont.)

04.3.2 U. S. Army Ground Forces Not otherwise assigned.

04.3.3 U. S. Army Air Forces not otherwise assigned.

d. 04.4 PUERTO RICO SECTOR GROUP

04.4.1 NOB St. Thomas

04.4.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(10 April 1944, vessels assigned as follows:

1 PCS, 4 YP, 2 CGC, 2 AMc, 1 AT, 5 YT, 2 YNg, 1 YNT)

(11 November 1944 Naval Vessels assigned as follows:

2 SC, 2 CGC, 2 YMS, 2 CGC, 1 ATR, 3 YP, 2 CGC, 4 CGC

Buoy Tenders, 4 AMc, 1 YTB, 1 YTL, 1 YTM, 1 YNg, 3 YNT)

04.4.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(10 April 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

San Juan

VP-204 2 PBM3  
VP-205 1 PBM3  
VP-212 10 PBM3  
VB-128 10 PVI 1/  
VB-163 3 PVI  
VB-141 3 PVI  
VS-37 1 SBD5  
VS-45 2 OS2N  
VS-63 6 SBD5  
2 OS2N

Borinquen Field

2/  
VS-63 3 SBD5

Antigua

VS-63 3 SBD5

Marine Aircraft

St. Thomas Bourne Field

VMS-3 18 SBD5  
1 JRF  
2 J2F

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1/ VB-128 had 4 PVI's at Boca Chica

2/ See footnote 5/ on page 24.

04.4.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(11 November 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

San Juan

Borinquen Field

VP-92 3 PBY5A  
VB-147 13 PVI

VS-63 3 SBD5

04.4.4 Naval Local Defense Forces

04.4.5 Dominican Flotilla (U. S. Coast Guard).

04.4.6 Joint Local Defense Forces, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix

04.4.7 Combined Local Defense Forces, Antigua

04.4.8 U. S. Army Ground Forces

04.4.9 U. S. Army aircraft as assigned.

04.5 GUANTANAMO SECTOR GROUP

RAdm Braisted

04.5.1 NOB Guantnamo

04.5.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(10 April 1944 Naval Vessels assigned as follows:

3 DE, 15 PC, 1 PCS, 3 YP, 1 AMC, 1 AT)

(11 November 1944 Naval vessels assigned as follows:

2 DD, 14 PC, 2 SC, 5 CGC, 3 CGC, 1 SS, 1 ATR  
2 AMC, 1 AN, 1 ATO, 1 YNG, 1 YNT, 5 YTL)

04.5.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(10 April 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

Guantanamo

Great Exuma

VP-32 10 PBM3  
VP-204 1 PBM3  
VP-210 10 PBM3  
VS-43 12 SBD5  
VS-45 14 OS2N  
2 blimps

VP-32 2 PBM3  
VP-210 3 PBM3

04.5.3 Naval Aircraft (cont.)

(11 November 1944 naval aircraft assigned as follows:

Guantanamo

VP-210 8 PBM3  
VP-214 9 PBM3  
2 blimps

Great Fruma

VP-210 1 PBM3

f. 04.6 Trinidad Sector Group

RAdm Read

04.6.1 NOB Trinidad

04.6.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(Naval vessels assigned as of 10 April 1944

1 HNMS DD, 1 DE, 1 HNMS PG, 9 PC, 1 PCS)

(Naval vessels assigned as of 11 November 1944

1 DD, 10 PC, 3 SC, 1 YMS, 6 CGC, 1 SS, 2 ATF,  
1 ATR, 1 APS  
3 IP, 4 AMs, 1 YNT, 2 YTL, 1 YTB, 1 AN)

Royal British Naval Forces  
5 anti-submarine yachts  
8 Fairmile launches, 30th Flotilla  
4 Fairmile launches, 47th Flotilla  
8 harbor defense launches, 118th Flotilla  
5 contact mine sweepers  
2 miscellaneous ships  
2 Fleet Air Arm Safety Ships.)

04.6.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 10 April 1944:

Trinidad

VP-204	7 PBM3	3 PBM3 at Panama
VP-205	8 PBM3	2 PBM3 at Panama
VP-212	4 PBM3	
VP-215	6 PBM3	6 PBM3 at Panama

04.6.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned. (cont.)

Carlsen Field  
VB-133 10 PVI  
4 Blimps

British Guiana  
VP-205 1 PBM3

Atkinson Field  
1 Blimp

Dutch Guiana Zandery Field  
VP-92 7 PBY5

Paramaribo  
1 Blimp )

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 11 November 1944

Trinidad  
VP-204 8 PBM3  
VP-212 9 PBM3

Carlsen Field  
3 Blimps

Paramaribo  
1 AVP (Thrush)

04.6.4 Naval Local Defense Forces

04.6.5 Combined Local Defense Forces, Trinidad

04.6.6 Combined Local Defense Forces, St. Lucia

04.6.7 Combined Local Defense Forces, British Guiana

04.6.8 U.S. Army Ground Forces

04.6.9 U.S. Army aircraft as assigned

g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Sector Group PAdm Chandler

All U.S. and Netherlands Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

(Naval vessels assigned as of 10 April 1944:

2 PC )

g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Sector Group (cont.)

(Naval vessels assigned as of 11 November 1944:

1 PC, 3 SC, 6 YMS, 4 CGC, 2 ATR

1 YNT, 1 YTB, 1 YTL

RNMS

1 motor torpedo boat

3 anti-submarine whalers

2 motor torpedo boats (in reserve)

1 tug.)

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 10 April 1944:

Curacao Hato Field

VP-92 6 PBY5A

VB-141 6 PVL

VS-37 5 SBD5

Aruba Dekota Field

VS-37 5 SBD5

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 11 November 1944:

Curacao Hato Field

VP-92 10 PBY5A)

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ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES-10 DECEMBER 1944 -

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 2-44.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier  
Commandant Tenth Naval District

2/

VAdm Giffen

Task Organization

a. 04.1 FRONTIER/SURFACE ESCORT, STRIKING AND SPECIAL TASK GROUP

Vessels assigned to ComCaribSeaFron

b. 04.2 FRONTIER AIR TASK GROUP

Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN Cdr. Shields (acting) 3/

The following squadrons were active under FAW-11  
as of 31 December 1945:

VP-92 4/  
VP-210 5/  
VP-212 6/  
VP-213 7/  
VP-214 8/  
VB-147 9/

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1/ No ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plans or Orders available after  
10 December 1944.  
2/ 8 August 1945 relieved by Vice Admiral Munroe.  
3/ 18 January 1945 relieved by Captain Goodney.  
4/ Ordered to Eastern Sea Frontier to reinforce A/S forces 6 January 1945  
5/ 2 July 1945 departed San Juan for decommissioning.  
6/ 1 April 1945 reported to Eastern Sea Frontier for temporary duty.  
7/ 1 July 1945 departed San Juan for decommissioning.  
8/ 15 January 1945 transferred to FAW-3.  
9/ 30 May ordered to Quonset for decommissioning.

b. 04.2 Frontier Air Task Group (cont.)

Fleet Airship Wing Two Cdr. Flaherty

Army Air - Antilles Air Command - BGen Hayes

c. 04.3 U.S. Army Forces - Antilles Department and Caribbean  
Coastal Frontier - MGen Harding

d. 04.4 Puerto Rico Sector Group

e. 04.5 Guantanamo Sector Group Commodore Mahoney

f. 04.6 Trinidad Sector Group Commodore Baughman

g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Group RAdm Beatty

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By 1 September 1945, all of the squadrons which had operated with Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN had been decommissioned or transferred, but two new squadrons had been added: VPB-114 on 29 May and VPB-73 on 30 May 1945. These squadrons were distributed as follows on 1 September 1945:

San Juan

Commander Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN and Staff  
Headquarters Squadron, Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN  
VP-73  
VPB-114 (sub-detachment of Boca Chica unit.)

Lagens, Azores

VPB-114  
Hedron 11 Detachment

Port Lyautey, French Morocco

VPB-73 Detachment  
VPB-114 Detachment  
Hedron 11 Detachment

Key West (Boca Chica) Florida  
VPB-114 Detachment

Guantanamo Bay  
VPB-73 Detachment

SOURCES

ComCaribSeaFron War Diaries

ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plans and Orders

Wing and squadron histories

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

22 December 1941 -- 26 March 1942

27 March 1942 -- 9 September 1942

10 September 1942 -- 14 March 1943

15 March 1943 -- July 1945

## ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

NOTE: The information on the following pages is believed to be as exact and accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department at this time.

The following documents were examined in the preparation of the ComPanSeafRon Task Organization:

- (1) Com 15 and ComPanSeafRon Operation Plans.
- (2) Atlantic Fleet Operation Plans.
- (3) ComPanSeafRon War Diary.
- (4) ComFleetAirWing 3 War Diary.
- (5) ComFlairWing 3 History.
- (6) Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, C.Z. History.
- (7) War Diaries and Histories of Squadrons attached to FlairWing 3 when necessary to verify facts.
- (8) Daily Disposition of Vessels and Aircraft.
- (9) Composition of Task Forces of US Fleet.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

22 DECEMBER 1941 - 26 MARCH 1942

Operating under: CinC<sup>l</sup>lant Operation Plan #8-41, dated 20 December 1941.

ComPanSeaFron Operation Plan #24-41, dated 8 December 1941 and #1-42, dated 9 January 1942.

CinC<sup>l</sup>lant

Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command  
Commanding General, Air Task Force<sup>1</sup>

TASK GROUP 6.4<sup>2</sup> PANAMA NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER<sup>3</sup> RAdm F.H. Sadler, USN

Com 15

Patrol Wing<sup>3,4</sup>  
NAS Coco Solo, C.Z.5  
VP-31<sup>6,7</sup>  
VP-32<sup>6</sup>  
VP-52 (Detachment)<sup>8</sup>  
VP-81 (Detachment)<sup>9</sup>

Cdr. A. Gavin, USN

USS Clemson	AVD-4 <sup>6,10</sup>
USS Osmond Ingram	AVD-9 <sup>6,11</sup>
USS Lapwing	AVP-1 <sup>6,12</sup>
USS Sandpiper	AVP-9 <sup>6,13</sup>
USS Goldsborough	AVD-5 <sup>6,14</sup>

Advanced Bases  
Fonseca, Nicaragua<sup>15</sup>  
Salinas, Ecuador<sup>16</sup>  
Galapagos Island, Ecuador<sup>17</sup>

## ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

22 DECEMBER 1941 - 26 MARCH 1942

### (Footnotes)

1. Established on 22 December 1941 under Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, in order to integrate Army and Navy forces in the defense of the Canal.
2. Atlantic Fleet designation of Panama Naval Coastal Frontier Forces.
3. Replaced by Panama Sea Frontier with Com 15 in command on 4 April 1942.
4. Operated under Com 15 at Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, since 1 October 1937. Fleet control was exercised by Commander, Aircraft Scouting Force, U.S. Fleet, and later by ComPatWingsLant.
5. Formerly Fleet Air Base - originally established at Coco Solo, Canal Zone in 1918.
6. Units assigned to ComPatRon 3 at time of attack on Pearl Harbor.
7. Based at San Juan, P.R. under temporary orders of Com Caribbean Patrol at time of Pearl Harbor attack.
8. A detachment of VP-52 reported to CPatWing 3 on 11 December 1941.
9. A detachment of VP-81 reported to CPatWing 3 on 12 December 1941.
10. On 8 December 1941 on temporary duty at Natal, Brazil, under ComTaskFor Three. It arrived at Coco Solo 13 January 1942.
11. On 8 December 1941 in Charleston, S.C. Navy Yard under overhaul. Arrived Coco Solo 29 December 1941.
12. On 8 December 1941 at Trinidad, B.W.I. on temporary duty under ComCarib-Pat.
13. On 8 December 1941 based at Coco Solo, Canal Zone. On 11 December sent to advanced base, Fonseca, Nicaragua.
14. On 8 December 1941, enroute to Canal Zone. Arrived Coco Solo, Canal Zone, 23 December 1941.
15. Established 11 December 1941 by units of NAS Coco Solo as advanced base for patrol aircraft.
16. Established 27 December 1941.
17. Established between 12 and 23 December 1941. The seaplane tenders were moved from one base to another for servicing of aircraft before the bases were equipped to do the work themselves.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

27 MARCH 1942 - 9 SEPTEMBER 1942

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 8 May 1942.

ComPanSeaFron Operation Plan #11-42, dated 27 March 1942; #25-42, dated 20 May 1942 and #28-42, dated 18 June 1942.

CinCLant  
Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command  
Commanding General, Air Task Force

**TASK GROUP 26.4<sup>2</sup> PANAMA NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER<sup>3</sup>**  
Com 15

RAdm F.H. Sadler, USN  
(RAdm C.E. Van Hook, USN)

**26.4.3 Aircraft Group**

Cdr. A.Gavin, USN  
(Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN)  
Cdr. A. Gavin, USN  
(Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN)

Patrol Wing 3

Hedron<sup>4</sup>

VP-31<sup>5</sup>

VP-32<sup>6</sup>

VP-52 (Detachment)<sup>7</sup>

VP-81 (Detachment)<sup>8</sup>

VP-33<sup>9</sup>

VP-34<sup>10</sup>

VS-1D15 (VS-59)<sup>11</sup>

BomRon 45, USAAF (Detachment)<sup>12</sup>  
FightRon 52, USAAF (Detachment)<sup>13</sup>

USS Clemson	AVD-4 <sup>14</sup>
USS Osmond Ingram	AVD-9 <sup>15</sup>
USS Lapwing	AVP-1 <sup>16</sup>
USS Sandpiper	AVP-9
USS Goldsborough	AVD-5 <sup>17</sup>
USS Matagorda	AVP-22 <sup>18</sup>
USS Albemarle	AV-5 <sup>18</sup>

Advanced Bases

ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

27 MARCH 1942 - 9 SEPTEMBER 1942

(Footnotes)

1. On 7 August 1942 tacit approval of CNO was received for putting the operational control of aircraft of PatWing 3 into the hands of ComPanSeaFron alone. Thereafter, until 9 June 1943, Navy air forces' chain of command went from the Wing Thru ComPanSeaFron to Commanding General, Panama Canal Department.
2. On 24 June 1942 Task Force numbers were changed to 93 and 93.3 from 26.4 and 26.4.3.
3. Panama Sea Frontier established under Com 15 on 4 April 1942.
4. Established at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone on 4 September 1942.
5. Transferred to ComPatWing 11 on 15 August 1942.
6. Transferred to operational control of Seventh Bomber Command on 3 August 1942. Transferred to ComCaribSeaFron on 18 August 1942.
7. Detached 18 July 1942.
8. Detached 19 July 1942.
9. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 16 July 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.
10. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 26 July 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.
11. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 17 June 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.
12. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 15 June 1942 at France Field, Canal Zone.
13. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 19 June 1942 at France Field, Canal Zone.
14. Transferred to ComCaribSeaFron on 26 August 1942.
15. Detached 2 June 1942.
16. Detached 8 June 1942.
17. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 20 May 1942.
18. Assigned to ComPatWing 3 on 1 September 1942.

# ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

10 SEPTEMBER 1942 - 14 MARCH 1943

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #2-42, dated 8 May 1942 and #3-42, dated 8 December 1942.

ComPanSeaFron Operation Plans #35-42, dated 10 September 1942; #36-42, dated 14 September 1942; #35-42 (revised) and #36-42 (revised), dated 1 December 1942.

CinCLant  
Commanding General, Panama Canal Department

**TASK FORCE 93<sup>1</sup>**      **PANAMA SEA FRONTIER**      **RAdm C.E. Van Hook, USN**

Com T.G. 26.4<sup>2</sup>  
Com 15

93.1      Aircraft Group      Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN

Com T.U. 26.4.3

Patrol Wing 3<sup>3</sup>      Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN

NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone  
Hedron 3

VP-33  
VP-34<sup>4</sup>

VS-1D15 (VS-59)<sup>5</sup>  
VS-2D15 (VS-60)<sup>5,6</sup>

BomRon 45, USAAF (Detachment)<sup>7</sup>  
FightRon 52, USAAF (Detachment)<sup>8</sup>

USS Albermarle	AV-5 <sup>9</sup>
USS Goldsborough	AVD-5 <sup>10</sup>
USS Matagorda	AVP-2 <sup>29</sup>
USS Sandpiper	AVP-5 <sup>11</sup>
USS Pocomoke	AV-9 <sup>12</sup>
USS Clemson	AVD-4 <sup>13</sup>
USS Rockaway	AVP-29 <sup>14</sup>

Air Stations and Bases<sup>15</sup>  
Portland Bight, Jamaica; Galapagos Island;  
Puerto Castilla, Honduras; Corinto, Nicaragua;  
Almirante, Panama; Barranquilla, Colombia;  
Vernam Field, Jamaica; Turbo, Colombia; Salinas,  
Ecuador.

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

10 SEPTEMBER 1942 - 14 MARCH 1943

(Footnotes)

1. U.S. Fleet designation for PanSeaFron.
2. Atlantic Fleet designation for PanSeaFron.
3. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing on 1 November 1942. Next higher administrative command: ComFleet Air Wings, Atlantic Fleet.
4. Transferred to ComPatWing 11 on 27 October 1942.
5. Reclassified 1 March 1943 as VS-59 and VS-60.
6. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 16 September 1942.
7. Operational control transferred to Sixth Bomber Command on 6 November 1942.
8. Detached on 26 February 1943.
9. Transferred to CFAW 5 on 12 November 1942.
10. Detached 29 October 1942.
11. Administration transferred to PatWing 7 on 22 September 1942.
12. Reported 1 November 1942 - detached 14 November 1942.
13. Reported 1 November 1942 - detached 23 February 1943.
14. Reported 17 February 1943.
15. All these advanced air bases were in operational use by 31 March 1943.

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA CANAL FORTRESS

15 MARCH 1943 - JULY 1945

Operating under: CinCinTant Operation Plans #2-42, dated 8 December 1942; #1-43, dated 1 September 1943; and #1-44, dated 17 February 1944.

ComPanSeafRon Operation Plans #3-43, dated 15 March 1943 and #5-43, dated 3 April 1943.

CinCinTant  
Com Tenth Fleet  
Commanding General, Panama Canal Department

Task Force 05	PANAMA CANAL FRONTIER <sup>1</sup>	RAdm C. E. Van Hook, USN (RAdm H. C. Train, USN) (Capt. E. S. Stone, USN) (RAdm H. F. Kingman, USN)
	Com T. G. 26.5 <sup>2</sup> Com 15	
05.1	<u>Aircraft Group</u>	Capt A. L. Compo, USN (Capt C.A. McDonald, USN)
	Com T. U. 26.5.3	(Capt B.F. Schaefer, USN)
	Fleet Air Wing 3 <sup>1</sup>	Capt A. L. Compo, USN (Capt C.A. McDonald, USN) (Capt B.F. Schaefer, USN)
	NAS Coco Solo Hedron 3	
	-VP-33 <sup>3</sup> -VP-206 <sup>4</sup> -VP-1 (VPB-1) <sup>5</sup> -VP-207 <sup>6</sup> -VP-209 (VPB-209) <sup>7</sup> -VP-204 (Detachment) <sup>8</sup> -VP-205 (Detachment) <sup>8</sup> -VP-15 (VPB-15) <sup>9</sup> -VP-84 (VPB-34) <sup>10</sup> -VPB-201 <sup>11</sup> -VPB-74 <sup>12</sup> -VPB-214 <sup>13</sup>	
	-VS-59 <sup>14</sup> -VS-60 <sup>15</sup> -ZP-23 (Detachment) <sup>16</sup> -ZP-21 (Detachment) <sup>17</sup>	
	-BomRon 10, USN <sup>18</sup>	

Organization of Air Forces in the Panama Sea Frontier, 15 March 1943 -  
July 1945

05.1 (Cont.)

USS Rockaway	AVP-29 <sup>19</sup>
USS Thrush	AVP-3 <sup>20</sup>
USS Unimak	AVP-31 <sup>21</sup>
USS Barneg.t	AVP-10 <sup>22</sup>
USS Albemarle	AV-5

Advanced Bases, Naval Air Stations, etc.<sup>24</sup>

ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

15 MARCH 1943 - JULY 1945

(Footnotes)

1. From 9 June 1943 to 1 October 1943, Fleet Air Wing 3 was placed under the operational control of Sixth Bomber Command, USAAF. Then from that date to 31 March 1944, the Sixth Air Force, Patrol Command, operated under Commander Fleet Air Wing 3. From 1 March 1944 until it was decommissioned 2 December 1944, Blimpron 23 was under operational control of CFAW 3.
2. Atlantic Fleet designation for Panama Sea Frontier.
3. Detached 7 July 1943.
4. Reported 2 April 1943. Under Operational Control of Sixth Air Force, AAF, from 1 October 1943 to 31 March 1943. Detached from CFAW 3 on 24 April 1944.
5. Detachment reported 15 May 1943 - main squadron reported 12 October 1943. Detached 19 February 1945.
6. Reported 15 June 1943. Under operational control of Sixth Air Force, AAF from 1 October 1943 to 31 March 1944. Detached from CFAW 3 on 17 May 1944.
7. Reported 25 January 1944. Detached 6 June 1945.
8. A detachment of two aircraft of each squadron were transferred to CFAW 3 on 17 March 1944. The four aircraft were at once incorporated into assigned squadrons.
9. Reported to Wing on 21 April 1944 - detached 15 October 1944.
10. Reported 16 May 1944 - squadron less a three-plane detachment transferred from FAW 3 on 17 January 1945. Detachment transferred 7 April 1945.
11. Assigned to CFAW 3 for temporary duty 17-27 July 1944.
12. Reported 17 December 1944 - detached 5 April 1945.
13. Reported 16 January 1945 - detached 6 June 1945.
14. Detached 5 June 1944.
15. Transferred to CFAW 5, 20 October 1943.

(Footnotes)

16. Detachment based at Chorrera, Panama, from 1 March 1944 until it was decommissioned on 2 December 1944.
17. Detachment assigned to CPSF on 2 December 1944 - it was still operating under CFAW 3 in June 1945.
18. Reported for temporary duty under CFAW 3 at Frunce Field, Canal Zone, on 1 January 1944 - removed from CFAW 3's operational control 30 March 1944.
19. Detached 13 August 1943 - reported again 14 December 1944 - finally detached 13 February 1945.
20. Reported 1 September 1943 - detached 28 March 1944.
21. Reported 28 March 1944 - detached 15 December 1944.
22. Reported 11 February 1945 - still at NAS Coco Solo in July 1945.
23. Reported 14 February 1945 - detached 11 March 1945.
24. Summary of detachments operated by CFAW 3:

Moneypenny Anchorage, Fonseca, Nicaragua	- 11 Dec. 1941 - 7 Feb. 1942
Galapagos, Ecuador	16 Dec. 1941 -
Salinas, Ecuador	- 27 Dec. 1941 - 7 June 1944 <sup>1</sup>
Old Providence Island, B.W.I.	- 13 - 29 May 1942
Grand Cayman, B.W.I.	- 31 May - 1 August 1942
Trujillo, Honduras	- 22 June - 9 October 1942
Portland Bight, Jamaica	- 5 July 1942 - 9 October 1943 <sup>2</sup>
Almirante, Panama	- 21 July 1942 - 20 September 1943
Cartagena, Columbia	- 3 October 1942 - 16 February 1943
Puerto Castilla, Honduras	- 26 October 1942 - 16 September 1943 <sup>2</sup>
Corinto, Nicaragua	- 29 March 1943 -
Vernam Field, Jamaica	- 1 April 1943 - 20 October 1943 <sup>2</sup>
Barranquilla, Columbia	- 4 May 1943 - 4 November 1943 <sup>2</sup>

(1) Maintained after this date as emergency & refueling base.

(2) Operations were occasionally conducted from these places after regular detachments were withdrawn. Barranquilla and Vernam Field were used by LTA after withdrawal of planes.

Note: Dates indicate first and last times the bases were used by FAW-3 detachments. Operations at many bases were intermittent.

ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBRALTAR-MOROCCO AREA

October 1942 — April 1943

April 1943 — April 1945

15 April 1945 — 1 August 1945

ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBRALTAR-MOROCCO AREA

OCTOBER 1942 - APRIL 1943

Operating under: Western Task Force Operation Order #A-42, dated 16 Oct. 1942

Allied Commander-in-Chief  
Naval Commander, Allied Forces

TASK FORCE 34	WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE	VAdm H.K. Hewitt
	ComPhibForLant	
	Western Task Force	MajGen G. Patton,, USA
Task Group 26.7 <sup>1</sup>	Sea Frontier Forces, <sup>2</sup> W.T.F.	RAdm J. L. Hall, Jr., USN <sup>3</sup>
26.7.1	<u>Escort Unit</u>	
	DMS <sup>4</sup> , ADMS <sup>5</sup> , PC'S	
26.7.2	<u>Patrol Wing<sup>6</sup></u>	Cdr H.M. Briggs, USN <sup>5</sup>
	Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey <sup>6</sup>	Lt.Cdr. A.S. Heyward, USN
	VP 73 (originally at P.L.) <sup>7</sup>	
	VP 92 (originally at Casa) <sup>8</sup>	
	USS Barnegat	AVP-10
	USS Biscayne	AVP-11
26.7.3	<u>Base Unit</u>	
	Naval Operating Base, Casablanca	

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1. SFF, established by order of ComPhibLant(NCWT), was first under the operational command of Commanding General, WTF, and under the administrative control of CinCLant. As of 1 March 1943 operational control of MSFF was turned over to ComNavNaw(ComEighth Flt).
2. Title was changed to Moroccan Sea Frontier Forces on 17 Feb. 1943.
3. Followed as CMSFF by Capt. C. L. Nichols, USN, 9 Feb. 1943 and RAdm F. J. Lowry, USN on 19 Feb. 1943.
4. Fleet Air Wing 15 (title changed from Patrol Wing 1 Nov. 1942) commissioned 1 Dec. 1942 at Norfolk and began operations at P.L. 10 Jun. 1943 under Capt. G. A. Seitz, USN.
5. Relieved by Capt. G. A. Seitz, USN, 10 Jun. 1943.
6. Formally established under Capt. G. A. Seitz, USN, 12 Jun. 1943.
7. Arrived at Port Lyautey 13 Nov. 1942.
8. Commenced operations at P.L. 10 Mar. 1943.

26.7.3 Cont.

Fedalla Section Base

Safi Section Base

Minor Escort and Sweeper Craft

ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBALTA AND MOROCCO AREA

APRIL 1943 - APRIL 1945

Operating under: Com Eighth Fleet (ComNavNav) Operation Orders #3-43, dated 15 April 1943; #6-43, dated 13 August 1943; #9-43 dated 17 November 1943; #1-44, dated 12 February 1944.

Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces in N. Africa (Br)

CinC, Med(Br)

Commander Eighth Fleet  
(ComNavNav)

VAdm H.K. Hewitt, USN

TASK FORCE 82

MOROCCAN AND SOUTHERN FORCES

RAdm Lowry, USN<sup>1</sup>

Ships and Craft Assigned

PC'S, SC'S, YMS'

Naval Operating Base, Casablanca

15 April 1943 - 12 August 1943

Naval Aviation Group

Capt. G.A. Seitz,<sup>2</sup> USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey<sup>3</sup>

Capt. G.A. Seitz, USN

(Naval Air Facility, Tunis)<sup>4</sup>

(Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir)<sup>5</sup>

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1. Followed as CMSFF by Capt. C.L. Nichols, USN, on 22 Sept. 1943, and by Capt. B.V. McCandlish, USN, on 13 Oct. 1943.
2. Relieved by Capt. T. A. Turner, USN, as ComFAW 15 and CO, NAS Port Lyautey.
3. Merged with FAW 15 by order of ComNavNav, 8 June 1943.
4. Established 3 June 1945 by order of ComNavNav, withdrawn from TF 82 on 17 Nov. 1943 by ComNavNav.
5. Established by order of ComNavNav on 17 April 1943.

TF 82 Cont.

Fleet Air Wing 15

Capt. G. A. Seitz, USN

Hedron 15

VP-92<sup>1</sup>

VP-73

First Squadron, 2037th A/S Wing, AAF<sup>2</sup>

Second Squadron, 2037th A/S Wing, AAF<sup>2</sup>

Fedala Section Base<sup>3</sup>

Safi Section Base<sup>4</sup>

13 August 1943 - 12 February 1944

Naval Aviation Group

Capt. T.A. Turner, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey<sup>5</sup>

Capt. T.A. Turner, USN

Naval Air Facility, Tunis<sup>6</sup>

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir

567 Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit

Fleet Air Wing 15

Capt. T.A. Turner, USN

Hedron 15

VP-92<sup>7</sup>

VP-73<sup>8</sup>

1. Detachment of six PBY-5A's sent to NAAB #1, Agadir.

2. Arrived at NAS Port Lyautey for duty under CFAW 15, 9 Mar. 1943.

3. Closed 26 Sept. 1943 and port turned over to French.

4. Closed 26 August 1943 and port turned over to French.

5. NAS Port Lyautey established 12 Jan. 1944 by order of ComInch and CNO.

6. Withdrawn from Moroccan Sea Frontier Command by ComNavNew, 17 Nov. 1943.

7. Replaced VP-73 at NAAB #1, Agadir, on 5 Dec. 1943.

8. Detached from FAW 15, 28 Dec. 1943.

TF 82 Cont.

First Squadron, 480th A/S Group, AAF<sup>1</sup>

Second Squadron, 480th A/S Group, AAF<sup>1</sup>

(VB 127)<sup>2,3</sup>

(VB 111)<sup>4</sup>

(VB 112)<sup>5</sup>

(VB 132)<sup>6</sup>

(VB 63)<sup>7</sup>

13 February 1944 - 1 September 1944

Naval Aviation Group Capt. T.A. Turner,<sup>8</sup> USN.

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey Capt. T.A. Turner,<sup>8</sup> USN

(Naval Air Facility, Dakar)<sup>9</sup>

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir

(Advanced Base French Detachment, Ajaccio, Corsica)<sup>10</sup>

(Advanced Base Air Detachment, Gibraltar)<sup>11</sup>

566 Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit

Fleet Air Wing 15 Capt. T.A. Turner,<sup>8</sup> USN

Hedron 15

VP 92

VP 92<sup>12</sup>

1. Detached from FAW 15, 19 Nov. 1943.

2. Reported to CFAW 15 on 6 Sept. 1943.

3. A detachment of six PV-1's sent to NAAB #1, Agadir, 30 Nov. 1943.

4. Reported to CFAW 15 on 3 Nov. 1943.

5. Reported to CFAW 15 on 17 Nov. 1943

6. Reported to CFAW 15, 24 Dec. 1943.

7. Reported to CFAW 15, 16 Dec. 1943.

8. Relieved by Capt. G. T. Owen, USN, as SOP and CFAW 15 and by Comdr. T. G. Penny, USN, as CO, NAS, Port Lyautey, 6 March 1944.

9. NASPort Lyautey assumed Administrative control on 9 July 1945.

10. Established 18 Aug. 1944 for launches of VFP-1 and VFP-2.

11. Temporary base set up 29 Mar. 1944 to support detachments of VB 114 and VB 112. Closed 7 July. British facilities used thereafter when needed.

12. Detached from FAW-15, 29 Feb. 1944.

TF 32 Cont.

VB 127<sup>1</sup>

VB 132

VB 111<sup>2,3</sup>

VB 112<sup>4,5,6</sup>

(VB 114)<sup>7,8,9,10,11</sup>

VP 63

(VFP-1)<sup>12,13</sup>

(AP-14)<sup>14</sup>

(VFB-1)<sup>15</sup>

(VFB-2)<sup>16</sup>

2 September 1944 - 14 April 1945

Naval Aviation Group

Commodore G.T. Olsen, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey Comdr. T. C. Penny, USNR<sup>17</sup>

- 1. Replaced at Agadir by VB 132, 13 Feb. 1944.
- 2. A detachment of four PB4Y's sent to temporary duty with CFAW 7, 3 May 1944.
- 3. Detached from FAW 15, 10 July 1944.
- 4. A detachment of 4 PB4Y's sent to operate out of Gibraltar 29 April 1944.
- 5. A detachment of four PB4Y's sent to temporary duty with CFAW 7, 3 May 1944.
- 6. Detachment of four PB4Y's return from Gibraltar to Port Lyautey, 7 July 1944.
- 7. Reported to CFAW 15, 27 Feb. 1944.
- 8. Detachment of 6 SL PB4Y's sent to Gibraltar, 29 March
- 9. A detachment of 8 SL PB4Y's sent to duty with CFAW 7, 18 June 1944.
- 10. Gibraltar detachment of VB 114 ordered back to Port Lyautey, 7 July 1944.
- 11. Last of VB 114 detached from FAW 15 for duty under ComNavForZores (CFAW 7)
- 12. Reported to CFAW 15, 18 Feb. 1944 - assigned to NAB #1, Agadir, 13 Feb. 1944.
- 13. Detachment of three PBY-5A's sent to Ajaccio, Corsica, 18 Aug. 1944.
- 14. Reported to CFAW 15, 1 June 1944.
- 15. Reported to CFAW 15, 1 July 1944 at Agadir, F.M.
- 16. Reported to CFAW 15, 11 July 1944 at Agadir, F.M.
- 17. Relieved as C.O., NAS Port Lyautey by Lt. Cdr. D. C. Allen, USN on 15 Sept. 1944.

TF 82 Cont.

Naval Air Facility, Dakar

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir

566 C. B. M. U.

(Advanced Base Blimp Detachment #1, Cuers, France)<sup>1</sup>

Advanced Base French Detachment #1, Ajaccio, Corsica

(Advanced Base French Detachment #2, Malta)<sup>2</sup>

Fleet Air Wing 15

Commodore G. T. Owen, USN

Hedron 15

VB (VPB)<sup>3</sup> 127

VB (VPB)<sup>3</sup> 132<sup>5</sup>

VB (VPB)<sup>3</sup> 112<sup>6</sup>

VP (VPB)<sup>3</sup> 63<sup>7</sup>

VFP (VFPB)<sup>4</sup> 1<sup>8,9,10</sup>

VFP 2<sup>11,12,13,14,15</sup>

VFB 1<sup>16, 17</sup>

VFB 2<sup>18</sup>

ZP 14<sup>19</sup>

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1. Established on 16 Sept 1944 to support a Blimp Minespotting & Utility Detail.
2. Established in Sept. 1944 to support French PBY-5A Mine-scouting, A/S/R and Recco Detail
3. Classification changed 1 Oct. 1944 from VP and VB to VPB.
4. Classification changed 16 Nov. 1944.
5. Detached from FAW 15, 20 Nov. 1944 - aircraft turned over to FVPB-1.
6. Detached from FAW 15 and assigned to CFAW 7, 20 Jan. 1945.
7. Detachment of 4 PBY-5's sent to CFAW 7, 9 Jun. 1945.
8. Detachment of 3 PBY-5A's based at Malta.
9. Malta and Ajaccio Detachments brought back to NAAB #1 Agadir.
10. VFPB-1 detachment of 8 PV-1's transferred from Agadir to Port Lyautay, 27 Dec. 1944.
11. Reported to CFAW 15 and sent to Agadir 8 Sept. 1944.
12. A detachment of 3 PBY-5A's sent to Ajaccio, Corsica on Minesweeping Detail, 11 Sept. 1944.
13. A detachment of 3 PBY-5A's sent to Cuers, France, 1 Nov. 1944.
14. By 12 Nov. 1944, detachment at Ajaccio, Corsica, returned to Agadir.

## ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBRALTAR-MOROCCO AREA

15 APRIL 1945 - 1 AUGUST 1945

Operating under: ComTenth Flt, Operation Order #1-45, dated 15 April 1945.

Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean

MC, Med.

Commander Twelfth Fleet

(ComNav Europe)

Task Force 125      Naval Forces Northwest African Waters<sup>1</sup>      VAdm W. Glassford, USN

125.2      MOROCCAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES      Commodore B. V. McCandlish, USN

Ships and Craft Assigned

PC's, SC's and YMS's

Naval Operating Base, Casablanca

Naval Aviation Group<sup>2</sup>      Commodore G.T. Owen, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey<sup>3</sup>      LtCdr D. C. Allen, USN

Naval Air Facility, Dakar<sup>4</sup>

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir<sup>5</sup>

Advanced Base Blimp Detachment #1, Cuers, France<sup>6</sup>

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1. Cuers, France, detachment joins Agadir Detachment at Port Lyautey 1 Jan. 1945  
2. Transferred from Agadir to Port Lyautey for duty, 21 Sept. 1944.  
3. Detached from FAW 15 and assigned to T.A.F., USA, Cognac, France, 22 Nov. 1944  
4. Detached from FAW 15 and assigned to T.A.F., USA, Cognac, France, 23 Nov. 1944  
5. Detachment of ZP-14 established in Mine Sweeping Detail at Cuers, France, 1 Sept. 1944.

1. Twelfth Fleet Op Order 1-45 (15 Apr. 1945) (NavNav made Com Task Force (125) of Twelfth Fleet (ComNav Europe) under the administration and policy making control of ComNavEu and as representative of ComNavEu, under the operational control of Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.  
2. Dissolved with departure of FAW 15 and staff on 9 July 1945 for U.S.  
3. Remains in charge of Crew Field even tho' ATC is using field for Project Green, July 1945.  
4. Taken over in May ATC for Green Project.  
5. Facilities taken over by the 1257th Base Unit, AAF, ATC for Green Project, 24 May 1945.  
6. By June, other Blimp bases were set up at Pisa, Italy, and Venice, Italy.

TF 125 Cont.

566th Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit

(1272nd Base Unit, ATC, AAF)<sup>1</sup>

Fleet Air Wing 15<sup>2,3</sup>

Hedron 15<sup>4</sup>

VPB-127<sup>5</sup>

VPB-63<sup>6</sup>

VFPB-1<sup>7</sup>

VFP-1<sup>7</sup>

ZP-14<sup>8</sup>

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- 1. Activated at NAS Port Lyautey, 10 May 1945
- 2. CFAW 15 and staff departed Port Lyautey for US. 9 July 1945
- 3. FAW 15 decommissioned, 28 July 1945.
- 4. Dissolved - most of personnel returned to states 9 July 1945 with FAW-15 personnel.
- 5. Detached from FAW 15, 16 June 1945 and directed to CFAW 5 for decommissioning.
- 6. Detached from FAW 15 6 June 1945 and directed to CFAW 5 for decommissioning.
- 7. Returned to Agadir for duty May 1945 - units destined to be turned over to French Navy.
- 8. As of July, AP-14 remained based at NAS, Port Lyautey, but operational control exercised by ComNavNaw.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE  
( AIR FORCES )

25 March 1942 — 4 August 1945

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COMPOSITION U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 25 March - 26 April 1942

Operating under: No operating plan available.

ComNavEu Adm Stark

Operational Control: CominCh, British Home Fleet Adm Sir John C. Tovey

Task Organisation

1	2	3
Task Force 39		RAdm Wilcox
...SHILOH		HALFIGHT
...INTA		LANG
TUSCALOOSA		STERETT
...ASP	4	WILSON
		PLUNKETT
		MADISON

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1. On 4 April 1942 Task Force 39 arrived at Scapa Flow from Casco Bay, Maine, and reported to the Home Fleet.
2. On 25 April 1942 the designation of Task Force 39 was changed to Task Force 99.
3. RAdm Wilcox was lost overboard from the WASHINGTON on 27 March 1942, and RAdm Giffen assumed command of the task force.
4. Squadrons aboard the WASP were VF-71 (27 VF, 8 VSN), VS-71 (15 VSB), VF-72 (15 VSB), and VT-7 ((VTB)).

COMPOSITION U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 26 April - 1 September 1942.

Operating under:

No operating plan available.

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Operational Control:

CominC h, British Home Fleet

Adm Sir John C. Tovey

Task Organization

1 2 3

Task Force 99

RAdm Giffen

WASHINGTON 4

TUSCALOOSA

WICHITA

WASP 5

WAINWRIGHT

LAING

STURGEON

WILSON

PLUNKETT

MADISON

1. Task Force 99 (except WASP) departed Scapa Flow 28 April 1942 with KING GEORGE V, VICTORIOUS, KENYA, INGLISFIELD, MIDDLETON, BELVOIR, HUNSLY, LADYBIRD to cover convoys between Iceland and Murmansk. OTC: CominC h Home Fleet.
2. Detached from Home Fleet 16 August 1942 and reported to CinCant for duty.
3. 1 September 1942 TF 99 dissolved at Greenock, Scotland.
4. Departed Hvalfjordur, Iceland, for Brooklyn 14 July 1942. Flag transferred to "WICHITA".
5. 11 April 1942 "WSP" loaded British aircraft and personnel and ferried them to Malta, returning Scapa Flow 26 April 1942. A second ferry trip to Malta was made 2 May - 15 May 1942. 17 May 1942 the "WSP" departed Rosneath, Scotland, and arrived Norfolk 27 May for transfer to the Pacific.

POSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 1 September - 9 December 1942

During the above period there appear to have been no ships or aircraft operating under the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 9 December 1942 -

20 January 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

99.1 BENVENUTI, D. J. B., DURRING

99.1.2 BLACKFISH

99.1.4 SHAD

99. ? ALNAACK  
THOMAS STONE

99.2 MADISON  
LANSDALE  
C. F. HUGHES  
H. P. JONES

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 20 January - 3 February 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 99

99.1 BEAVER, DAB, HAWK, LURKARD

99.1.2 BLACKFISH

99.1.4 SHAD

99. ? ALLIACK, THOMAS STONE

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 3 February - 15 March 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 99

99.1 BLAVER, BABB, MURKING

99.1.2 BLACKFISH

99.1.4 SHAD

90. ? ALMACK, THOMAS STONE<sup>1</sup>

99.2 MADISON, LANSDALE, C.F. HUGHES, H.P. JONE

1. Detached 10 March 1943.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - MARCH - 27 MAY 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEU

ADM Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 92

92.1 Bremner, Banks, McHugh

92.1.2 Blackfiss

92.1.4 Sand

92.2.2 Daniels, Lassalle, C.P. Daniels, H.C. Johnson <sup>1/</sup>

92.7 Hale, Hall <sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Detached 14 April 1943.

<sup>2/</sup> Reported 28 April 1943.

POSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 27 MAY - 22 July 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 32

32.1 Brewster

32.1.2 Bluefin 18N

32.1.3 Barb

32.1.4 Sund

32.1.5 Marling, Mare, Mallo

32.3 Bogue, Bullock, Intrepid, Oriskany, Laffey, Lee

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1/ Reported 23 April 1943. The Bogue Task Group, operating under Operation Order 2-43 of ComTaskFor 32, became Task Group 32.3 for the protection of Convoy HX-235 to the United Kingdom. The Bogue Task Group assisted TU 22.1.14, consisting of H.M.S. Churchill, H.M.C.S. Restigouche, Brandon, Collingwood, H.M.S. Trent and H.M.C.S. Haida. On 15 May the Bogue Task Group departed Belfast Lough en route to Iceland to support Convoy On-184.

2/ VC-9 aboard.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN SOUTHERN - 22 July - 17 August 1973.

Operating under:

ComNavFleu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 92.

92.1 <sup>1/</sup>  
ALABAMA

SOUTH DAKOTA

ELLYSON

RODGER

ELIOT

MACOMB

FITCH

1/ Task Group 92.1 dissolved 5 August 1973.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVY, M.C.U. 1, 1943 - 17 August - 1 October 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

ELBETH U. S. MANT

Task Force 114.

Task Group 114.1

1/ 2

Adm Bernhard

3/

RAI.GER

TUSCALOOSA

AUGUSTA

ISLEWOOD

CORRY

PURFEST

ROBISON

SELL

1/ Task Force 114 came under the operational control of the Admiralty on 17 August 1943 and changed its designation to T.G. 114.1 and so on.

2/ 19 August 1943 arrived Scapa Flow.

3/ Aboard: Air Group 4, consisting of VT-4, VF-1, VB-4.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVY SHIPS IN ILLINOIS - 1 October - 2 December 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task in FLEET.

Task Force 121

Adm Mustvedt

JULGEN

AUGUSTA

TUSCALOOSA

PITCH

CORRY

FORREST

HOBSON

CHARLES

Task Force 120.7

Eleventh Amphibious Force

From: Milles

1/ 26 November 1943 TF 121 became TF 68, a part of the Atlantic Fleet at Hvalfiord, Iceland. Various changes in the escort force were made during this period.

COMPOSITE U.S. NAVY FORCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA - 23 December 1973

Operating under:

ComNavFleu

Adm Stark

FIFTH FLEET

SC 683, 718, 1061

Task Force 122

Adm Kirk

122.1 Flag Command

Task Force 123

11th Amphibious Force Adm Hall

ANCON

123. Ships, landing craft and bases as assigned.

Task Force 124

Support

Task Force 125

125.1 Advanced Bases Capt Ives

NOTES ON THE COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN AIRCRAFT

( AIR FORCE )

With the exception of the ship based forces listed above, U.S. Navy planes did not operate in European waters until August 1943.

Prior to that date, anti-submarine coverage of the approaches to the United Kingdom was maintained by planes of the R.A.F. Coastal Command and of the U.S. Army Air Forces, while Fleet Air Wing SEVEN was cooperating with Canadian and British activities in covering the northern convoy route from bases in Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland.

In August 1943, Fleet Air Wing SEVEN began to move from its northern bases into the United Kingdom to supplement the anti-submarine activities of the U.S. Army Air Forces. The first U.S. Navy Squadron to operate from the United Kingdom was VP-63, which moved from Iceland to Pembroke Dock, South Wales, on 20 July 1943, and was based there until 15 December 1943, when it was transferred to Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN at Port Lyautey, French Morocco. The headquarters of Fleet Air Wing SEVEN were moved from Argentia to Plymouth and other squadrons were flown in, until by 29 March 1944 the task organization shown below had been established.

All operations by Fleet Air Wing SEVEN and its constituent squadrons were under the operational control of the 19th Group of the R.A.F. Coastal Command. For administration, the Wing reported to CinCANT until 26 April 1944, when it was transferred to the ~~THIRTY~~ Fleet.

U.S. Naval Forces in Europe were designated as the Twelfth Fleet, effective 1 October 1943. The Twelfth Fleet was largely an administrative command, embracing all United States Naval Forces assigned to British waters and the Atlantic Coastal waters of Europe. ComNavFu was responsible for the maintenance and training of all U.S. Naval units in the area. For operations connected with the invasion of Europe, he assigned appropriate task forces to the operational control of the British Admiral commanding the Allied naval contingent of the Supreme Command. The development of the Twelfth Fleet is not undertaken in this guide, apart from its air force, which was limited to the activities of Fleet Air Wing SEVEN. <sup>1/2/</sup> The composition of that wing until August 1945 is given on the following pages.

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1/ One other naval aviation activity existed briefly and was not under Fleet Air Wing SEVEN. Before the Normandy Invasion, the seventeen naval aviators from the USS QUINCY, NEWARK, ATLANTIC, and TEAMS were trained to fly Spitfires by the U.S. Army 67th Reconnaissance Group, 9th Tactical Air Force, and formed a part of the Air Spot Pool, which operated from R.A.A.S., Lee-on-Solent from D to D + 4 Day.

2/ In January 1945, the EIGHTH U.S. Fleet, under Command Naval Forces Northwest African Waters, became a task force of the Twelfth Fleet. For the composition of air forces in the EIGHTH U.S. Fleet and in the task force which it became, see the Guide to the Composition of the EIGHTH U.S. Fleet.

Fleet Air Wing SEVEN Patrol Group UK (cont.)

1/ 1/	12 PB4Y-1	LtCar Guy
VB-105		
2/ 4/	12 PB4Y-1	LtCar Von Fracht
VB-103		
2/ 6/	Detachments of PB4Y-1's	
VB-114		
VB-111	Detachments of PB4Y-1's	

1/ Prior to 5 May 1943 had been designated as VP-31. Transferred on 18 September 1943 to St. Eval, Cornwall, and on 13 October 1943 to Dunsfold, Devon.

2/ Designation changed from VB-105 to VPB-105 on 1 October 1944.

3/ Commissioned at San Diego 3 March 1943. On 15 August 1943 transferred from Argentia to St. Eval, Cornwall. On 30 September transferred to Dunsfold, Devon.

4/ Designation changed from VB-103 to VPB-103 on 1 October 1944.

5/ On 17 June 1944 6 searchlight planes to 9 crews reported from Port Lyautey, French Morocco, and were joined by 3 additional planes on July 1944. On 29 July 1944 a detachment of VB-114 was established at Lages in the Azores, reporting to FAW-9 for administration. Operational control was under the British and the planes bore both British and American insignia. On 7 February 1945 the detachment of VB-114 rejoined the squadron in the Azores.

6/ Designation changed from VB-114 to VPB-114 on 1 October 1944.

7/ Commissioned Norfolk 30 August 1943. On 3 October 1943 2 planes arrived at St. Eval. On 8 October 1943 administration transferred from FAW-5 to FAW-7. On 3 November 1943 VB-111 was transferred to FAW-15. On 2 March 1944 3 planes and 3 crews were transferred from FAW-15 to FAW-7, followed by another crew on 3 July 1944 and three additional crews on 13 May 1944.

8/ Designation changed from VB-111 to VPB-111.

COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN ENGLAND 1 March 1945 -

4 August 1945

( AIR FORCES ONLY )

Operating under: . CominCh Operation Plan 1 - 44, dated 8 March 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 2-44, dated 29 March 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 1-44, dated 23 March 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 3-44, dated 31 May 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 4-44, dated 24 July 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 5-44, dated 25 July 1944.  
ComFA -7 Operation Plan 6-44, dated 12 September 1944.

ComNavBu

ADM Stark

Operational Control

19th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command

15th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command 1/

Task Organization

2/ 3/

Fleet Air Wing SEVEN

Commodore Hamilton

a.

a. 1&1.1 Fleet Air Wing SEVEN Command Headquarters, Plymouth

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b. 1&1.2 Fleet Air Wing SEVEN Patrol Air Group One Cdr Cawre

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1/ Beginning 11 September 1944, FAW-7 planes began to fly additional patrols in the Northeastern approaches under the operational control of the 15th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command.

2/ Decommissioned at Norfolk 4 August 1945.

3/ 26 April 1944 FAW-7 had reported to R.A.F. Fleet.

4/ Relieved by R.A.F. McFall 31 March 1945.

5/ Based at Lulsgrove, Devon.

b. 1st Fleet Air Wing Seven Patrol Air Group ONE (cont.)

1/ 1st.2.3 VPB-103 1x PB4Y-1 Cdr. Bettens  
2/ 1st.2.5 VBB-105 1x PB4Y-1 LtCdr Harmon  
3/ 1st.2.10 VPB-110 1x PB4Y-1 LtCdr Campbell  
4/ 1st.2.63 VPB-63 Detachment 1 PB4Y-1 LtCdr Lenseler

c. 1st.3 Fleet Air Wing Seven Patrol Group T.O Cdr. Johnson

1/ 8/2 1st.3.7 VAB-107 1x PB4Y-1 LtCdr Lander

1/ Departed Dunswell, Devon for Norfolk, Virginia 3 June 1945.

2/ Departed Dunswell, Devon, for Norfolk, Virginia, 5 June 1945.

3/ Departed Dunswell, Devon, for Norfolk, Virginia, 5 June 1945.

4/ On temporary duty with FA-7 from 21 January 1945 to 2 June 1945. Administration remained with FA-15.

5/ Detachment returned to FA-15 3 June 1945 and was decommissioned with VPB-63 3 July 1945.

6/ Based at Upottery.

7/ Transferred to FA-7 on 26 January 1945 and became operational 22 February 1945.

8/ Administration remained with FA-16.

9/ Departed Dunswell, Devon for Norfolk, Virginia, 3 June 1945.

c. 121.3. Fleet Air Wing, BLYME, 12th Fleet Group, F.O. (cont.)

121.3.1a VFB-112 1x. AV-1 Cdr. Parmenter

c. 121.6 Headquarters Squadron 7 Cdr. Mayhew

2 PBV-5A plus utility aircraft assigned.

6. U.S. Naval Air Facility: (1) Luton and (2) Upottery Cdr. Miller

V.L-112 Detachment 6 Searchlight AV-1

Special Air Unit - 1 2 Pv-1, 1 PBV-1

121.9 Special Air Unit - 5 1 PBkB

1/ Reported to FA-7 6 January 1945

2/ Administration remained with FA-15.

3/ Commissioned 23 March 1944 as an activity of the 12th Fleet.

4/ Reported 19 June 1944.

5/ Reported for duty 23 July 1944 and was subsequently based at Fersfield, Wimfaring, Norfolk. The purpose of this unit was to attack targets of special importance with newly developed weapons. Under U.S. Army operational control.

6/ This unit was dissolved 18 September 1944.

7/ On 12 September 1944 a .half was transferred to this unit and was based at Woodhaven to carry out special operations in collaboration with U.S. Army planes under the general direction of Col. Bernt Balchen.

**SOURCES:**

Composition of Task Forces - Naval Records and Library

Disposition of Ships and Aircraft " " "

War Libraries

Histories of Wings and Squadrons concerned.

Operational Plans

Task Force 34 (Western Naval Task Force)

Operation SUCCESSION

Mission:

Establishment of Western Task Force on  
beachheads ashore near Lendim, Fed-el-  
and Sufi, and support of subsequent  
coastal military operations in the cap-  
ture of Casablanca, French Morocco as  
a base for further military and naval  
operations. 23 October 1942 to 20 Nov-  
ember 1942.

Force, Group, and Unit Organization.

- I. Departure  
23-26 Oct. 1942
- II. Passage  
27 Oct. - 1 Nov. 1942
- III. Landing attack  
2-13 Nov. 1942

## I. Leadership

### Western Naval Task Force

#### Covering Group

U.S. Naval Forces (F)

VO-7

ComCruDiv Six

BB54

Adm. R. H. Shultz, USN

(ComFleet)

Adm. R. C. Giffen, USN

(ComCruDiv Six)

U.S. Navy

CL45

U.S. Navy

CL37

#### ComDesRon 17

U.S. Navy (F)

DD119

ComDesRon 17

U.S. Navy

DD222

Fleet

404

Fleet

405

U.S. Navy

447

ComDesRon

4090

#### Air Group

Intrepid (F)

CV4

VF-1

VF-41

VS-41

ACV (CVL) 46

Intrepid

VGS-26

VGF-26

ACV (CVL) 47

Intrepid

VCS-27

VGF-27

VCT-28

VCS-30

ACV (CVL) 48

Intrepid

VCS-29

VGF-29

Intrepid

CL55

Intelligence 10-46-42 to report to CPO 34.1x (See II, Passage).

34.2 (contd) ComDesRon FIVE Capt. J. J. Molony Jr., USN

ELLYSON (F) 11252

ComDesDiv FIVE

HANIBAL (F) 11255

KILLIAN 156

MCADAMS 157

MCCALL 158

ComDesDiv SIXTY

FOWLER (F) 11461

FITCH 162

COOK 163

HOBSON 164

COOK (LesFor 30) 11155

DELLS (LesFor 30) 11156

DETANLUU (LesFor 30) 11157

HOBSON (16) 11158

34.3

Attachment ONE-ninety

Ensign Monroe Kelly, USN  
(ComDesLant, ComIntDiv FIVE)

ComIntDiv FIVE

TRANS 11205

VO-5

NEW YORK 1132

VO-5

ComTransDiv FIVE (plus other trans. orgs)

ComDesRon FIFTEEN

Capt. C. C. Hartmann, USN

ComDesDiv THIRTY-ONE

HILLMAN (F) 11283

QUICK 190

BEATTY 620

TILLMAN 621

ComDesDiv THIRTY

CO. 12 (F) 11652

ALIGHT 633

LOHAN 634

PAULI (LesFor 16) 11604

ComIntDiv THIRTY-ONE

CHIEKEL

34.12

Detachment P-0-ninety

34.12.1

ComCruDiv eight

PHILLIPS (F) CL/1

VCS-8

EDWARDSON CL/2

VCS-8

SARAHAN CL/2

VCS-8

Ensign L. A. Levinson, USN

34.11.1 (cont'd)

ComDesDiv Elec.

ROI (F)	LL218
<u>ComDesDiv Fwd. Y-11</u>	
ELV. KICK	LL147
ELV. KICK	LL130
ELV. KICK	LL114
ELV. KICK	LL140

Comdr. L. L. Kueira, USN

34.11.2

Screen

ComDesDiv Elec.

ComDesDiv Fwd. Y-11	
WULSEY	LL257
ULLO	438
EDISON	439
BRISTOL	453

Comdr. C. J. L. McCallum, USN

ComDesDiv Fwd. Y-11

WILLIS	LL241
BUSSON	143
ELRUM	603

DOYLE (LesRon 16) LL600

ComIntDiv Elec.

34.11.3

Force Flagship

AUGUSTA	C.31
VCS-7	

34.11.4

Transports

CORAL GO	AC-1 (CVL) 28
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Capt. R. L. Bennett, USK

34.11.5

CALIFORNIA

AC-232

IBERIA

LL230

DOYLE

600

\*Did not sortie with TG 34.14 on 24 Oct. 1972. Remained behind to escort delayed transport CALIFORNIA (See TG 34.15, this page). Rejoined 25 Oct. 1972.

Delayed. Did not sortie with 34.14 Jct. ec convoy 25 Oct. 1972.



34.12 (cont'd) Shuttles

YUH-29

YUH-27

YUH-26

ComDesRon ThIRTY

ELLISON (1)

ComDesDiv ThIRTY

WADDETON (r)

WELLS

WILSON

WACOMB

ComDesDiv ELEVEN

FORREST (1)

FITCH

CORRY

WELDON

34.12 (cont'd)

CL

LL54

Capt. J.J. Holliday Jr. USN

LL455

LL56

LL57

LL58

LL261

LL62

LL63

LL64

34.12

Convoy Screen

Capt. J.J. Neffman, USN  
(ComDesRon ELEVEN.)

ComDesRon THIRTY

ComDesDiv THIRTY-FIVE

WADDETON

LL737

ULLOM

LL38

ELISON

LL39

BRISTOL

LL55

ComDesDiv THIRTY-SIX

WELLS

LL741

SMITHSON

LL43

WELDON

LL63

BOILLIE (DesRon 16)

600

ComDesRon ELEVEN

Capt. C. C. Hartman, USN

ComDesDiv THIRTY-ELEVEN

WADDETON (r)

LL789

WELCH

LL9

WELFITT

LL40

WILLIAMS

LL41

ComDesDiv THIRTY

WELLS

LL632

WRIGHT

LL33

WORRIK

LL34

WELDON (DesRon 16)

LL604

WELDON (DesRon 8)

LL65

CominDiv NINETEEN

Rejoined convoy 29 Oct. 1942.

Convoy

Augusta (Flagship of CTF 34) C.31  
VGS-7

CombatDiv FIVE

TEKAS (F)

VO-5

NLW YOKA

VO-5

BB35

BB34

Com. Monroe Kelly, USN  
(Comintendent)

ConTransDivs ONE, THREE, FIVE, SEVEN, NINE

CHINAGU

ACV(CVE) 28

ALLAS

1113

BAKALOU

193

COLE

193

Additional auxiliaries - Tennessee, CTS, minelayers, tugs, etc.

### III. Landing Attack

#### Western Naval Task Force

##### Covering Group

MASSACHUSETTS (F)	BB59
VO-7	
<u>ComCruDiv SEVEN</u>	
WICHITA	CA45
VCS-7	
TUSCALOOSA	CA37
VCS-7	
<u>ComDesRon EIGHT</u>	
WAINWRIGHT (F)	DD419
<u>ComDesDiv SIXTEEN</u>	
MAYRANT	DD402
RIIND	404
JANKINS	DD447

RAdm. H.K. Kewitt, USN  
(ComPhibsLant)  
RAdm. R.C. Giffen, USN  
(ComCruDiv SEVEN)

Capt. D. P. Moon, USN

#### Air Group

##### CTU Center Air Group

<u>ComSubTaskUnit</u>	
RANGER	CV4
ComRangerAirGroup (1 TBF)	

RAdm. E.D. McWhorter, USN  
(ComCarsLant)  
RAdm. E.D. McWhorter, USN

CLEVELAND	CL55
ELLYSON	DD454
CORRY	463
HOBSON	464

##### ComSubTaskUnit

SUANEE	ACV(CVE)27
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VGS-27	
VGF-27	
VGP-28	
VGS-30	

FORREST	DD461
FITCH	462

4.2.2	<u>CTU Northern Air Group</u> SANGAON VGS-26 VGF-26 HALBIE TON MACOMB	Capt. C.W. Wieber, USN ACV(CVE)26 DD455 458
4.2.3	<u>CTU Southern Air Group</u> SANTEE VGS-29 VGF-29 RODMAN ELIMONS	Capt. W.D. Sample, USN ACV(CVE)29 DD456 457
4.2.4	<u>CTU Train</u> CHIMANGO (With capacity load U.S. Army P40-F planes embarked)	Capt. B.H. Wyatt, USN
4.6	<u>Train</u>	Capt. J.J. Twomey, USN
4.8	<u>Northern Attack Group</u>	RAdm. Monroe Kelly, USN
4.8.1	<u>Fire Support</u> TEXAS (F) (F.S.G. 1) BB35 VO-5 SAVANNAH (F.S.G. 2) CL42 VCS-8 ComDesRon ELEVEN (F.S.G. 3) ROE (F) (F.S.G. 4/L) DD418 KEARNY (F.S.G. 32) 412 ERICSSON (F.S.G. 33) 440	
4.8.2.	<u>Transport Group</u> Transports LIVERMORE EBERLE PARKER	DD429 430 6-4
4.8.3	<u>Task Group ZED</u>	Brig. Gen. Truscott, USA
4.8.4	<u>Special Detachment</u> DALLAS	DD199
4.9	<u>Center Attack Group</u>	Capt. Emmett, USN
4.9.1	<u>Fire Support</u> AUGUSTA (F.S.G. 4) CA31 VCS-7 ROITAN # BROOKLYN (F.S.G. 5) CL40 VCS-8	DD405 CL40

Detached and transferred to 34.2, 11 Nov. 1942.

Detached from 34.2 and transferred to 34.9.1, 12 Nov. 1942.

4.9.1 (Cont'd)	<u>ComDesDiv TWENTY-SIX (F.S.G. 6)</u>	
	WILKES (F) (F.S.G. 61)	DD441
	SWANSON (F.S.G. 62)*	443
	LUDLOW (F.S.G. 63)*	438
4.9.2	<u>Transports, A/S Screen and A/H Sweepers</u>	
	WOOLSEY	DD437
	EDISON	459
	BRISTOL	453
	BOYLE	600
	MURPHY	603
	TILLMAN	641
4.9.3	<u>Task Group YOKE</u>	Maj. Gen. Anderson, USA
4.10	<u>Southern Attack Group</u>	RAdm. L. A. Davidson, USN
4.10.1	<u>Fire Support</u>	
	NEW YORK (F.S.G. 7)	BB34
	VO-5	
	PHILADELPHIA (F) (F.S.G. 8)	CL41
	VCS-8	
4.10.4	<u>ComDesRon FIFTEEN (F.S.G. 9)</u>	Capt. C.C. Hartman, USN
	IERVINE (F) (F.S.G. 91)	DD439
	KNIGHT (F.S.G. 92)	633
	BEATTY (F.S.G. 93)	640
4.10.2	<u>Transports, A/S Screen and A/H Sweepers</u>	
	COVIE	DD632
	DORAN	634
	QUICK	490
	COLE	155
	BERNADOU	153
4.10.3	<u>Task Group X-RAY</u>	Maj. Gen. Harmon, USA
4.11	<u>Submarine Group</u>	

**INVASION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE**

**9 August - 25 September 1944**

Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean - Gen. Sir. H. M. Wilson, KCB

Naval Commander Western Task Force - VAdm H. K. Hewitt, USN (Com3rdFlt)  
 Army " " " " - MGen A. M. Patch (ComGen7thArmy)  
 Air " " " " - BGen G. P. Saville (ComGen12thTAF)

Task Force 80	Control Force, Western Task Force	RAdm H.K. Hewitt, USN.
	ComEighth Fleet	
	ComNavFleet	
	NavCom W.T.F.	
80.1	Force Flagship USS <i>Catastrophe</i>	AGC-5
	Comdr. G. O. Corp	
Task Force 84	Alpha Attack Force ComEighth PhibFor USS <i>DWYANE</i> (F)	RAdm Lowry, USN
	AGC-6	
84.7	Gunfire Support Group ComCdrRon 15 (Br.)	RAdm J.M. Mansfield, R.N.
	HMS <i>Ramillies</i>	BB
	USS <i>Quincy</i> *	CA-71
	VCS-10	
	HMS <i>Orion</i>	CL
	HMS <i>Ajete</i>	CL
	HMS <i>Black Prince</i>	CL
	FS <i>Floire</i>	CL
		6 DD
Task Force 85	Delta Attack Force Com Group 2 Eighth PhibFor USS <i>BISMARCK</i> (F)	RAdm Rodgers, USN
	AVP-11	
85.12	Gunfire Support Group ComBtDiv Five	RAdm Bryant, USN
	USS <i>Texas</i>	BB-35
	USS <i>Nevada</i>	BB-36

\*Withdrawn from operation 28 August 1944

	USS Philadelphia VCS-8	CL-41*
	FS Georges Leygues FS Montcalm	CL CL
		11 DD
Task Force 87	Camel Attack Force ComGroup 2 Eighth PhibFor USS BAYFIELD (F)	RAdm Lewis, USN APA-33
87.7	Gunfire Support Group ComCruDiv Seven	RAdm N.L. Deyo, USN
	USS Arkansas USS Tuscaloosa USS Brooklyn* VCS-8 USS Marblehead** VCS-2	BB-33 CA-37 CL-40 12
	HMS Argonaut FS Duguay FS Emile Bertin	CL CL
		11 DD
Task Force 86	Support Force ComCruDiv Eight USS Augusta (F)	RAdm Davidson, USN CA-31
	FS Lorraine HMS Dido	BB CL
	Gunfire Support Reserves USS Cincinnati USS OMAHA	CL-6
	FS Jeanne d'Arc HMS Sirius	CL CL
Task Force 88	Aircraft Carrier Force Com Escort Carriers (BR.) HMS Royalist (F)	RAdm Troubridge, RN. AA-CL

\* After departure of NCWTF on 24 September, this unit was left behind to support operations against enemy on Ligurian coast.

\*\*Withdrawn from operation 27 August 1944

38.1	British Carrier Force Com TF 88 HMS Royalist (F)	RAdm Troubridge, RN AAACL
	HMS Khedive HMS Emperor HMS Searcher HMS Pursuer HMS Attacker HMS Delhi HMS Troubridge HMS Tuscan HMS Tyrian HMS Teazer HMS Tumult HMS Tenacious HMS Navarinon	CVE CVE CVE CVE CVE AAACL DD DD DD DD DD DD DD
38.2	U. S. Carrier Force Com Carrier Group, Eighth Fleet USS Ticonderoga (F) * VFP-1	RAdm Durgin CVL-72
	U.S. Hornets VAW* VF-74 VF(N)-74	CVL-69
	HMS Hunter HMS Stalker HMS Colombo HMS Culdon	CVE CVE AAACL AAACL
	Destroyer Squadron 17 Co DesDiv-34	Capt. Murinugh, USN * Comdr. W. L. Benson, USN
	USS Butler (F) USS Gherardi USS Shubrick USS Murphy USS Jeffers	DD-636 DD-637 DD-639 DD-603 DD-621

\* Relieved Capt. Murinugh on 21 August 1944

Other Naval Aviation Units Involved:

Catalina A/S/R, Minespotting and Recco Units - VFP-1 and VFP-2, based at Ajaccio, Corsica, during operations, with Advanced Base established at Cuers, France, on 3 September 1944. Operations continued until November 1944. Navy Blimp of ZP-14 arrived at Cuers, France, for Minespotting and Utility Work 17 September 1944. Operation continued throughout winter.

PBY-5A's of VP-63 engaged in recco and utility work 21 Aug. 1944, 1 Nov. 1944.

Gunsighting Units Involved:

Cruiser and Battleship pilots (USN) in Ajaccio-based P-51's. (Nevada, Arkansas, Texas, Tuscaloosa, Augusta, Omaha, Cincinnati). 111th TAC/Recco Squadron pilots in Ajaccio-based P-51's.

TG 38.2. USN pilots in carrier-based Hellcats.

TG 38.1 Br. Fleet Air Arm pilots in carrier-based Seafires.

Cruiser-based USN pilots in SOC's. (Quincy, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Marblehead). Field Artillery pilots in France-based P-47's.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FOURTH FLEET

1 June 1943 - 20 September 1943

20 September 1943 — 15 May 1944

15 May 1944 — 15 April 1945

SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 1 June 1943, with changes effected during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943.

ComFOURTHFleet

Vice Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, USN.

Operating under Commander in Chief, US. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 3.42, dated 8 December 1942 as modified by CinCLant dispatch 010303 of March 1943, and Commander FOURTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-43, dated 20 May 1943.

ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan No. 1-43 placed in effect 1 June 1943

MISSION

- (a) Guard traffic in focal areas;
- (b) Destroy or capture enemy forces and shipping;
- (c) Destroy or capture vessels trading directly or indirectly with the enemy;
- (d) Escort Bahia-Trinidad, Trinidad-Bahia convoys and furnish air coverage for same within the area assigned to this fleet;
- (e) Patrol the sea areas under this command with surface forces, ship-borne and land-based aircraft with the specific purpose of accomplishing (b) and (c) above;
- (f) Patrol the sea areas adjacent to the Brazilian coast and islands, using air and surface craft, for offensive anti-submarine operations, and for the defense of convoys;
- (g) Destroy or capture enemy expeditionary forces in this area; support the Army and Caribbean Sea Frontier Commands in the defense of land positions in order to prevent extension of the enemy military power in the SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA.

TASK ORGANIZATION

ComFOURTFleet

VAdm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN

MEMPHIS  
BIG PABLO

Fleet Flagship  
Relief Flagship

TASK FORCE 41. Ocean Patrol.

RAdm. O. H. Read, USN

ComCruDiv 2

41.1 ALASKA (F) CL4  
VCS-2

\*41.2 MILWAUKEE CL5  
VCS-2

41.3 CINCINNATI CL6  
VCS-2

41.4 MUSKEDUGA CL12  
VCS-2

41.5 MEMPHIS CL13  
VCS-2

\*\*Plus carriers and destroyers as ordered to Force or to groups.

TASK FORCE 42. Escort Force

Comdr. H. C. Robinson, USN

(DD's. No Air Units)

TASK FORCE 43. Carrier Group.

\*\*Carriers as ordered. Destroyers as ordered.

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\*MILWAUKEE was absent from South Atlantic Area 20 June 1943 to 14 Sept. 1943 to undergo overhaul at Navy Yard, New York.

\*\*Following destroyers were assigned duty with TF 41 (Ocean Patrol) at various times during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 Sept. 1943:

WILLOW	DD 359
HOFFITT	362
DAVIS	395
JOULIFF	396

\*\*\*\*No ships or other units were assigned to TF 43 (Carrier Group) during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943.

TASK FORCE 44.

Aircraft Wings.

Capt. R. D. Lyon

44.1 Fleet Air Wing Sixty  
(Headquarters at Natal)

Capt. R. D. Lyon

44.1.1 VP-74 (Headquarters at Aratu)

44.1.2 VP-94 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.3 VB-127 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.9 HedRon 16 (Headquarters at Natal) Lt. Cdr. L. W. Williams

\*44.2 Fleet Airship Wing FIFTY (upon reporting)

44.2.1 Airship Squadron 52

44.2.2 Airship Squadron 53

44.2.9 HedRon 50

44.3 Naval Air Shore Facilities.

44.3.1 Naval Air Facility, Anapu, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.3.2 Naval Air Facility, Belem, Brazil (LP&SP)

44.3.3 Naval Air Facility, Igaraape-Assu, Brazil (LTA)

44.3.4 Naval Air Facility, Sao Luiz, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.3.5 Naval Air Facility, Fortaleza, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.3.6 Naval Air Facility, Natal, Brazil (Land) (LP)

44.3.7 Naval Air Facility, Natal, Brazil (SEA) (SP)

44.3.8 Naval Air Facility, Recife, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.3.9 Naval Air Facility, Maceio, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.3.11 Naval Air Facility, Bahia, Brazil (SP)

44.3.12 Naval Air Facility, Fernando do Noronha, Brazil (LP&LTA)

44.4 Aircraft Tenders

HUMBOLDT

AVP21

Comdr. G. C. Montgomery, USN

\*Did not report.

TASK FORCE 45. Killer Groups.

Ships and planes as may be ordered from Task Forces 42, 43, 44, 46, and 49.

TASK FORCE 46 Brazilian Naval Forces of the Northeast

RAdm. S. ares Dutra, B.N.

TASK FORCE 47 Miscellaneous Force.

47.1 Fleet Flagships

47.1.1 MEMPHIS CL 13  
VCS-2

47.1.2 BIG PEBBLE YHB23

47.1.3 PARS-VILLENEUVE PYc44

47.1.4 BLUE BIRD R50-4, #5049

47.2 Recife Detachment  
(No air units)

47.3 Bahia Detachment  
(No air units)

47.4 Natal Detachment  
(No air units)

TASK FORCE 48. Shore Bases.

U. S. Naval Operating Facilities

TASK FORCE 49. Brazilian Air Forces.

49.1 First Air Zone Col. Apel Neto, FAB

49.2 Second Air Zone Brigadier Eduardo Gomez

49.3 Third Air Zone Brigadier Heitor Vaready

Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH FLEET

During the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943

TASK FORCE 44. Aircraft Wings.

44.1 Fleet Air Wing SIXTY headquarters changed from Natal to Recife 23 July 1943.

44.1.2 VP-94 headquarters changed from Natal to Belem 16 June 1943.

44.1.3 VB-127 headquarters changed from Natal to Fortaleza 10 June 1943.

VB-127 detached and sent to Moroccan Sea Frontier 1 Sept. 1943.

VB- reported to Natal 15 June 1943.  
ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan 2-43.

1 June 1943. Headquarters at  
943, at which time it moved to Re-  
Transferred to Bahia (Ipitanga)  
igned to TG 44.1.4 in ComFOURTHFleet

44.1.5 VB- reported at Fortaleza 16 August 1943. Assigned to TG in ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.1.6 VB-143 reported at Recife (Ibura Field) 21 August 1943.  
Assigned to TG 44.1.6 in ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.1.7 VB-145 reported at Natal 18 September 1943. Assigned to TG 44.1.7 in ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.2 Fleet Airship Wing FOUR

44.2.1 Blimp Squadron 41 of Fleet Airship Wing FOUR reported at Recife 27 September 1943.  
(Fleet Airship Wing FIFTY did not report as contemplated in ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan No. 1-43)

44.4 Aircraft Tenders.

44.4.1 HUMBOLDT detached 6 July 1943

SANDPIPER reported for duty 14 September 1943. Assigned to TG 44.4.1 by ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan 2-43.

44.4.2 SARASSET reported for duty 26 June 1943. Assigned to TG 44.4.2 by ComFOURTHFleet Op-Plan 2-43.

Sources

Commander, FOURTH FLiGHT Operation Plan No. 1-43, dated 20 May 1943.

Commander, FOURTH FLiGHT Operation Plan No. 2-43, dated 4 September 1943.

War Diaries for the months of June, July, August, September of the following:

ComFOURTHFleet  
ComTaskForce 41  
JSS OMAHA  
MILWAUKEE  
CINCINNATI  
LAUREL  
MEMPHIS  
JOULETT  
DAVIS  
WINSTON  
MOFFETT  
HAMBOLDT  
SANDPIPER  
BALTIMORE

History of Fleet Air Wing SIXTEEN

Op-31 (LTA) (Interview)

SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 20 September 1943, with changes effected during the period 20 September 1943 to 15 May 1944.

ComFOURTHFleet

Vice Admiral James H. Ingram, USN.

Operating under Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-43 (amended by CinCINLANT despatch 140441 of October 1943), Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-44 (effective 15 March 1944), and Commander FOURTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 2-43 (dated 4 September 1943, effective 20 September 1943 to 15 May 1944).

Task Organization  
(as of 20 September 1943)

**ComFOURTHFleet**

VAdm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN

MEMPHIS CL13  
PHILADELPHIA PYc44  
BIG PEBBLE YMB23

Fleet Flagship  
Relief Flagship  
Relief Flagship (Ordered)

**Task Force 41.**

Ocean Patrol

RAdm. O.H. Read, USN

ComCruDiv 2

41.1	OMAHA (F)*	CL4
	VCS-2	
41.2	MILWAUKEE	CL5
	VCS-2	
41.3	CINCINNATI	CL6
	VCS-2	
41.4	MARBLEHEAD	CL12
	VCS-2	
41.5	MEMPHIS	CL13
	VCS-2	

Plus Carriers and Destroyers as ordered to Force or to Groups.\*\*

CTF 41 flag shifted from OMAHA to MARBLEHEAD 4 Oct. 1943; shifted from MARBLEHEAD TO MILWAUKEE 16 Oct. 1943; shifted from MILWAUKEE to OMAHA 25 Nov. 1943.

\*Following vessels were assigned to duty with CTG 41 (Ocean Patrol) at various times during the period 20 Sept. 1943 to 15 May 1944:

WINDLOW	DD359	Detached from Com4thFlt 10 Apr. 1944
MOFFETT	362	" " " 6 Mar. 1944
SOMERS	381	" " " 14 Mar. 1944
DAVIS	395	" " " 21 Mar. 1944
JOUETT	396	" " " 14 Mar. 1944
MURTS	DE174	Reported to Com4thFlt 4 Nov. 1943
PHILADELPHIA	175	" " " 12 Nov. 1943
CANNON	99	" " " 30 Nov. 1943
CHRISTOPHER	100	" " " 23 Dec. 1943
HERZOG	178	" " " 30 Dec. 1943
ALGONQUIN	101	" " " 22 Jan. 1944
THOMPSON	180	" " " 2 Mar. 1944
STIGGUB	181	" " " 2 Mar. 1944
GUSTAFSON	182	" " " 2 Mar. 1944
SOLOMONS	CVE 67	" " " 28 Mar. 1944
VC-9		

Task Force 42.      Escort Force      Commander H.C. Robison

(DesRon 9 and other destroyers and miscellaneous craft for escort and for assignment to CTF 41. No air Units).

Task Force 43.      U. S. Army Forces of the South Atlantic Theatre.

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Walsh, U.S.A.

43.1      First Composite Sqdrn, Comp. Force 8012, Ascension I.

Task Force 44.      Aircraft Wings.      Captain R. D. Lyon

44.1      ComFleetAirWing 16. (Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.1      VP-74      (Headquarters at Aratu)

44.1.2      VP-94      (Headquarters at Belem)

44.1.3      VB-107      (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.4      VB-129      (Headquarters at Ipitanga)

44.1.5      VB-130      (Headquarters Fortaleza)

44.1.6      VB-143      (Headquarters at Recife-Ibura Field)

44.1.7      VB-145      (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.8      VP-211      (Headquarters at Galeao-Rio de Janeiro. Reported 9-28-43)

44.1.9      HedRon 16 (Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.11      Utility Squadron FairWing 16

44.2      ComFleetAirship Wing 4. Captain W. E. Zimmerman

44.2.1      Blimp Squadron 41 (Headquarters at Sao Luiz)\*

44.2.2      Blimp Squadron 42 (Headquarters at Maceio)\*\*

44.2.9      Blimp Hedron 4

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\* First airship arrived 27 Sept. 1943.

\*\*First airship arrived 7 Nov. 1943.

Task Force 44      Continued

44.3      Naval Air Shore Facilities.

- 44.3.1 NAF      Amapa, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.2 NAF      Belem, Brazil (LP&SP)
- 44.3.3 NAF      Igarape-Assu, Brazil (LTA)
- 44.3.4 NAF      Sao Luiz, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.5 NAF      Fortaleza, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.6 NAF      Natal, Brazil (Land) (LP)
- 44.3.7 NAF      Natal, Brazil (Sea) (SP)
- 44.3.8 NAF      Recife, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.9 NAF      Maceio, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.11 NAF      Bahia (Aratu), Brazil (SP)
- 44.3.12 NAF      Bahia (Ipitanga), Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.13 NAF      Fernando do Noronha, Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.14 NAF      Curavellas, Brazil (LTA)
- 44.3.15 NAF      Rio de Janeiro (Santa Cruz), Brazil (LP&LTA)
- 44.3.16 NAF      Montevideo, Uruguay (LP&SP)
- 44.3.17 NAF      Ascension (LP)

44.4      Aircraft Tenders.

- 44.4.1 SANDPIPER      AVP9
- 44.4.3 CGC-83449 (Target towing) (Reported to Com4thFlt 23 Sept. 1943).
- 44.4.2 BANTAM      AVP10

Task Force 45.      Brazilian Naval Forces of the Center Command.

RAdm. Durval de Oliveira Teixeira, B.N.

Task Force 46.      Brazilian Naval Forces of the Northwest.

RAdm. Soares Dutra, B.N.

Task Force 47.      Miscellaneous Force.

47.1      Fleet Flagships

- 47.1.1 MEMPHIS      CL13  
VCS-2
- 47.1.2 BIG PEBBLE      YFB23
- 47.1.3 PERSEVERANCE      PYc44
- 47.1.4 BLUE BIRD      R50-4, #5049

TASK FORCE 47. Continued

47.2 Recife Detachment.

47.2.5 Utility Towing Plane (At present 4J-13)

(No other air units in 47.2)

47.3 Bahia Detachment.

(No air units)

47.4 Natal Detachment.

(No air units)

47.5 Minesweeping Group.

47.6 Belem Detachment.

(No air units)

TASK FORCE 48. Shore Bases.

U. S. Naval Operating Base, Rio de Janeiro, and U. S. Naval Operating Facilities.

TASK FORCE 49. Brazilian Air Forces.

49.1 First Air Zone Lt. Col. Americo Leal

49.2 Second Air Zone Brigadier Eduardo Gomez

49.3 Third Air Zone Brigadier Gervasio Rodrigues

49.4 Fourth Air Zone Coronel Antonio Abel Neto

49.5 Fifth Air Zone Coronel Fabio de Sa Marp

Brazilian Forces as ordered for joint operations.

Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH FL. LT

During the period 20 September 1943 to 15 May 1944

Task Force 41. Ocean Patrol.

RAdm. O. H. Read detached as ComCruDiv 2 to assume duty as ComNOB, Trinidad, 24 March 1944.

41.1 CINCINNATI attached to TG 41.1 from 15 November 1943 to 22 November 1943.

MEMPHIS attached to TG 41.1 from 8 February 1944 to 11 February 1944.

41.2 CINCINNATI attached to TG 41.2 from 18 December 1943 to 22 December 1943.

MEMPHIS attached to TG 41.2 from 22 October 1943 to 23 November 1943.

MILWAUKEE detached for temporary duty with CinClant 11 Mar. 1944.

41.3 Temporarily dissolved from 15 November 1943 to 22 November 1943 and from 18 December 1943 to 22 December 1943. See TG 41.1 and TG 41.2 above, for assignment of CINCINNATI during these periods.

CINCINNATI detached for temporary duty with CinClant, 17 March 1944.

41.4 MARBLINGE detached for temporary duty with CinClant, 10 February 1944.

41.5 Temporarily dissolved from 22 October 1943 to 23 November 1943, and from 8 February 1944 to 11 February 1944. See TG 41.1 and TG 41.2 above, for assignment of MEMPHIS during these periods.

Changes-continued

TASK FORCE 41.

41.6 TG 41.6 was formed 23 December 1943, consisting of  
DVIS (DD395) and was dissolved 4 January 1944.

TG 41.6 was formed on 31 March and was still in existence  
on 15 May 1944, when ComFOURTHFleet Operation Plan No. 1-44  
went into effect. Units comprising TG 41.6 were:

SOLOMON S CVE 67  
VC-9

TRUMPLER DE 180  
STARBUCK 181  
GUSTAFSON 182  
HEINZOG 178 (Attached 14 April 1944)

41.7 TG 41.7 was formed 31 December 1943, consisting of  
SOLIERS (DD381) and was dissolved 8 January 1944.

TG 41.7 was formed 20 April 1944 consisting of

ALGER DE 101  
MARCILIO DIAS (Brazilian Destroyer)

for the purpose of escorting HAWAII ISLAND (CV265) and  
MISSION BAY (CVE59) while these vessels were in FOURTH  
Fleet area. Rendezvous effected 24 April 1944. Mission  
completed 5 May 1944, and TG 41.7 was dissolved.

41.8 TG 41.8 was formed 3 January 1944, consisting of  
WINSLOW (DD359) and was dissolved 15 January 1944.

Changes-continued

Task Force 44. Aircraft Wings.

44.1 ComFleetAirWing 16.

44.1.1 VP-74 detached 20 October 1943.

44.1.2 VP-94 headquarters moved from Belem to Maceio 25 April 1944.

44.1.4 VB-129 detached 2 February 1944.

44.1.5 VB-130 detached 1 May 1944.

44.1.6 VB-143 headquarters moved from Recife to Ipitanga 24 Jun. 1944.

VB-143 detached 13 May 1944.

44.1.8 VP-211 headquarters moved from Galeao (Rio de Janeiro) to Aratu 23 January 1944.

VP-203 reported 13 October 1943. Headquarters at Aratu until 23 January 1944. Transferred to Galeao (Rio de Janeiro) 23 January 1944.

VB-134 reported 24 January 1944. Headquarters at Ibura 24 January 1944 to 25 April 1944. Transferred to Fortaleza 25 April 1944.

VP-45 reported 29 April 1944. Headquarters at Belem.

44.4 Aircraft Tenders.

44.4.1 BAHIA (AVP10) detached 6 May 1944.

44.4.3 CGC-83449 (Reported 23 Sept. 1943) ) Operational Control  
44.4.4 CGC-83481 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943) ) of these vessels was  
44.4.5 CGC-83482 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943) ) transferred to ComFairwing  
44.4.6 CGC-83483 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943) ) 16(CTF 44) on 9 March  
44.4.7 CGC-83484 (Reported 14 Jan. 1944) ) 1944, and vessels were  
44.4.8 CGC-83485 (Reported 14 Jan. 1944) ) given task designations  
as here shown, Com4thFlt  
Op-Plan No. 1-44

MATAGORDA (AVP22) reported for duty 6 May 1944.

SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 15 May 1944, with changes effected during the period 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945.

ComFOURTHFleet

(to 11 Nov. 1944) VAdm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN  
(11 Nov. to - - ) VAdm. William R. Munroe, USN

Operating under Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-44 (effective 15 March 1944) and Commander FOURTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-44 (dated 8 May 1944, effective 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945).

## TASK ORGANIZATION

(As of 15 May, 1944)

ComPOUNDFleet VAdm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN

MEMPHIS	CL 13	Fleet Flagship
PARADEVANTAGE	PYC44	Relief Flagship
BIG PABBLE	YMB 23	Relief Flagship

1, SK FORCE 41. Ocean Patrol.

41.1	OMAHA <sup>1</sup> VCS-2	CL 4
41.2	MILWAUKEE <sup>2</sup>	CL 5
41.3	CINCINNATI <sup>3</sup> VCS-2	CL 6
41.4	St. LOUIS <sup>4</sup> VCS-2	CL 12
41.5	MEMPHIS <sup>5</sup> VCS-2	CL 13

Plus Carriers, Destroyers, and Destroyer Escorts as ordered to Force or to groups.<sup>6</sup>

1. CAAA absent from FOURTH Fleet area as follows:

Departed Recife 4 July 1944 to escort USS General W. A. Mann to Gibraltar. Remained in Mediterranean waters through August 1944. Returned, arrived Bahia 10 September 1944 and reported to Com4thFlt.

Departed Rio de Janeiro 23 November 1944 to escort USS General M. C. Meigs to Gibraltar. Proceeded to Navy Yard, New York for repairs. Reported to Com4thFlt 26 February 1945, and arrived Recife 6 March 1945.

2. MIL...UKIE detached from Com4thFlt 11 March 1944 for duty with  
CinCAlt. Did not report back to Com4thFlt during period covered  
by this report.

3. CINCINNATI was absent on detached duty at time Com4thFlt Op-Plan No. 1-44 went into effect (15 May 1944). Reported back to Com4thFlt for duty 7 November 1944. Arrived Recife 17 November 1944.

4. MARBLEHEAD was absent on detached duty at time Com4thFlt Op-Plan No. 1-44 went into effect (15 May 1944). Returned and reported to Com4thFlt, arriving Bahia 10 September 1944.

Departed Rio de Janeiro 8 February 1945 escorting USS General M. C. Neigs to Gibraltar. Proceeded from Gibraltar to Navy Yard, New York. Was still absent from FOURTH Fleet area when period covered by this report ended.

5. MEMPHIS departed FOURTH Fleet area 26 September 1944 to escort USS General W. A. Smith and USS General M. C. Neigs to Gibraltar. Proceeded from Gibraltar to New York. Returned to Com4thFlt area arriving Recife 1 January 1945.

Departed Recife 5 January 1945 for Gibraltar. Arrived 13 January 1945 and was detached from ComFOURTHFleet on that date.

6. Following vessels were assigned duty with TASK FORCE 41 at various times during the period covered by this report:

CANNON	DB 99	(Decommissioned 19 December 1944)
CHRISTOPHER	100	(Decommissioned 19 December 1944)
MARTS	174	(Decommissioned 20 March 1945)
PALMER	175	
MICKA	176	
REYBOLD	177	
McANN	179	
TRUMPETER	180	
STIGAUB	181	
HERZOG	178	
GUSTAFSON	182	
ALGER	101	(Decommissioned 10 March 1945)
TRIPOLI	CVE 64	
SOLOMONS	CVE 67	
RIO GRANDE do SUL	(Brazilian Cruiser)	
M. RIZ E BARROS	(Brazilian Destroyer)	
MARCILIO DIAS	(Brazilian Destroyer)	

TASK FORCE 42. ...

Escort Force.

Comdr. H. C. Robison

Destroyer Escorts and other craft for escort and for assignment to TF 41. No air units.

TASK FORCE 43.

U. S. Army Forces of the South Atlantic Theatre.

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Welsh, USA

43.1 First Composite Sqdrn, Comp. Force 3017, Ascension I.

5 B-25C

13 P-39D

43.2 Miscellaneous Aircraft Rescue Boats.

TASK FORCE 44.

Aircraft, Airship Wings, and Tenders.

Captain R. D. Lyon, USN

44.1 ComFleetAirWing 16. Captain R. D. Lyon, USN  
(Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.1 VP-94 (Headquarters at Maceio)

44.1.2 VB-107 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.3<sup>1</sup>

44.1.4 VB-134 (Headquarters at Fortaleza)

44.1.5 VB-145 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.6<sup>2</sup>

44.1.7 VP-203 (Headquarters at Galeao, Rio de Janeiro)

44.1.8 VP-211 (Headquarters at Aratu)

44.1.9 HedRon 16 (Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.11 Utility Squadron, Fairwing 16  
VP-45<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Com4thFlt Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows VB-130 as TU 44.1.3. This squadron, however, was detached from Com4thFlt 1 May 1944, prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44.

<sup>2</sup> Com4thFlt Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows VB-143 as TU 44.1.6. This squadron was detached 13 May 1944, prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44.

<sup>3</sup> VP-45 not shown on Com4thFlt Op-Plan 1-44. It was on duty however, having reported 29 April 1944. Headquarters, Baltra.

**TASK FORCE 44. Continued**

44.2 Fleet Airship Wing 4. Captain W.E. Zimmerman

44.2.1 Blimp Squadron 41

44.2.2 Blimp Squadron 42

44.2.9 Blimp HedRon 4

44.3 Aircraft Tenders. Comdr. H. T. Dietrich,  
USN

44.3.1<sup>1</sup> MATAGORDA

44.3.2 SANDPIPER AVP9

44.3.3 CCC-83449

44.3.4 CCC-83481

44.3.5 OGC-83482

44.3.6 CCC-83483

44.3.7 CCC-83484

44.3.8 CCC-83485

44.3.9 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-9502

44.3.10 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-16508

44.3.11 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-16509

**TASK FORCE 45. Brazilian Southern Naval Forces.**

RAdm. Gustavo Goulart, BN

Ships of Brazilian Navy (less Task Force 46) as assigned by the Brazilian Chief of the Naval General Staff for joint operations.

**TASK FORCE 48. Brazilian Naval Force of the Northeast.**

Radm. Soares Dutra, BN.

<sup>1</sup>Com4thFlt Op-Plan 1-44 shows BARNEGAT as TU 44.3.1, with footnote as follows: "To be relieved by NATAGORDA in April." BARNEGAT was detached 6 May 1944 (prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44) and NATAGORDA reported on the same date.

**TASK FORCE 47.****Miscellaneous Force.****47.1      Fleet Flagships**

47.1.1	MEMPHIS VCS-2	CL13
47.1.2	BIG PEBBLE	YHB23
47.1.3	PERSEVERANCE	PYc44
47.1.4	BLUE BIRD	R50-4, #5049

**47.2      Recife Detachment.****47.2.6      Utility Towing Planes**

1. PBY
2. JM-1
3. JM-1 (to be assigned)

(No other air units in 47.2)

**47.3      Bahia Detachment.**

(No air units)

**47.4      Natal Detachment.**

(No air units)

**47.5      Minesweeping Group.****47.6      Belem Detachment.**

(No air units)

**TASK FORCE 48.****Shore Bases.****48.1 to****48.15**

Naval Operating Base, Rio de Janeiro and  
Naval Operating Facilities. (No air units).

**TASK FORCE 48.15**

Naval Air Shore Facilities. Captain R.D. Lyon, USN

48.15.1	NAF	Amapa, Brazil (LP&LTA)
48.15.2	NAF	Belem, Brazil (LP&LTA)
48.15.3	NAF	Sao Luiz, Brazil (LP&LTA)
48.15.4	NAF	Fortaleza, Brazil (LP&LTA)
48.15.5	NAF	Natal, Brazil (Land) (LP)
48.15.6	NAF	Natal, Brazil (Sea) (SP)
48.15.7	NAF	Recife, Brazil (LP&LTA)
48.15.8	NAF	Maceio, Brazil (LP&LTA)

**TASK FORCE 48****Continued**

48.15.9 NAF Bahia (Aratu), Brazil (SP)  
48.15.11 NAF Bahia (Ipitanga), Brasil (LP&LTA)  
48.15.12 NAF Fernando do Noronha, Brazil (LP&LTA)  
48.15.13 NAF Rio de Janeiro (Santa Cruz), Brazil  
(LP&LTA)  
48.15.14 NAF Montevideo, Uruguay (LP) (To be established)

**TASK FORCE 49****Brazilian Air Forces.**

49.1 First Air Zone Brigadeiro Ivo Borges  
49.2 Second Air Zone Brigadeiro Eduardo Gomez  
49.3 Third Air Zone Brigadeiro Gervasio Rodrigues  
49.4 Fourth Air Zone Brigadeiro Antonio Apel Neto  
49.5 Fifth Air Zone Brigadeiro Fabio de Sa Earp  
Brazilian Air Forces as ordered for joint operations.

Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH FLEET

During the period 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945

SK FORCE 41. Ocean Patrol.

41.5 MEMPHIS (CL13) detached from Com4thFlt 13 January 1945.

41.6 Task Group 41.6, composed of SOLOMONS (CVE67) with VC-9 embarked, plus assigned Destroyer Escorts, was formed 31 March 1944. TG 41.6 operated in the South Atlantic area until 15 August 1944, on which date SOLOMONS departed Recife for Norfolk, passing out of operational control of Com4thFlt.

41.7 TRIPOLI (CVE64) with VC-6 embarked, plus assigned Destroyer Escorts (TG27.2) arrived Recife 13 August 1944 and reported to Com4thFlt. TG 27.2 was dissolved, and TG 41.7 was formed, consisting of TRIPOLI and assigned Destroyer Escorts. TG 41.7 operated in the South Atlantic area until 15 November 1944, on which date TRIPOLI departed Recife for Norfolk, passing out of operational control of Com4thFlt.

Note: Task Group 22.1, composed of MISSION BAY (CVE59) with VC-36 embarked, D. L. HOWARD (DE138), HILL (DE141), J. R. Y. BLAKELY (DE140), FESSENDEN (DE142), and FARQUHAR (DE139) departed Dakar, F.W.A. on 21 September 1944 for anti-submarine operations southwest of Cape Verde Islands. On 28 September 1944 TG 22.1 reported to CTG 41.7 in TRIPOLI for joint operations. Joint operations were terminated on 2 October 1944 by CinCINLant despatch. On 9 October TG 22.1 came under the operational control of Com4thFlt, operating under that command until 15 November 1944, on which date it departed Recife for Hampton Roads.

Changes - Continued

TASK FORCE 44.

Aircraft, Airship Wings, and Tenders.

44.1 ComFleetAirWing 16.

44.1.1 VP-94 headquarters moved from Macao to Ipitanga 23 May 1944. VP-94 ceased operations, was decommissioned, and all planes turned over to Brazilian Air Force 12 December 1944.

44.1.2 VPB-107 detached from Com4thFlt and assigned to CFAW-7 at Dunkestell, Eng. 10 January 1945.

44.1.4 VPB-134 detached, departed Fortaleza for NAA, Norfolk, Virginia, 1 March 1945.

44.1.5 VPB-145 detached from Com4thFlt and assigned to San Julian, Cuba, 1 February 1945.

44.1.7 VP-203 headquarters moved from Galena to Aratu 14 Aug. 1944.

44.1.8 VP-211 headquarters moved from Aratu to Natal (Sea) 10 June 1944.

44.1.11 Utility Squadron Fairwing 16 omitted from ComSolant Op-Plan No. 1-45 dated 15 April 1945.

VPB-125 reported at Natal 14 February 1945.

VPB-126 transferred from CFAW-9 to CFAW-16, 24 January 1945. Based at Natal.

44.3 Aircraft Tenders.

44.3.1

44.3.2 SANDPIPER (AVP9) detached 24 June 1944.

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LAPWING (AVP1) reported for duty 17 June 1944. Detached 4 September 1944.

REHOBOT (AVP50) reported for duty 31 August 1944. Detached 15 January 1945.

ROCKAWAY (AVP29) reported for duty 27 February 1945.

HUMBOLDT (AVP21) departed Trinidad 30 March 1945 enroute to Recife to report for duty.

Changes - Continued

CTF 44 Change No. 1 to CTF 44 Operation Plan No. 1-44 (Change dated 28 August 1944) notes the following additions and changes in task designation:

44.1.6 First Brazilian Air Group, Ibura (Maj. R. C. Jahaty)

44.1.9 First Brazilian Hudson Air Group, Salvador  
(Former designation of HedRon 16)  
(Maj. R. Pires)

44.1.10 HedRon 16.

**COMPOSITION OF U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET**

**(with notes covering the activities of its air forces  
in areas other than those covered above.)**

**20 December 1941 -- 8 May 1942**

**8 May 1942 -- 1 January 1943**

**1 January 1943 -- 1 September 1943**

**1 September 1943 -- 15 May 1944**

**15 March 1944 -- 1 March 1945**

**1 March 1945 --**

## COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

20 DECEMBER 1941 - 8 MAY 1942

Operating under: U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 8-41, dated  
20 December 1941<sup>1/</sup>

CominCh Atlantic Fleet

Adm. E. J. King

### Task Organization

a. 1. TASK FORCE ONE RAim Wilcox

BatDiv 5, 6

CruDiv 7

DesRon 11

HORNET (during training period)

b. 2. TASK FORCE TWO RAim Clark

CarDiv 3 (less YORKTOWN)

CruDiv 8

DesRon 8

ALTAIR

c. 3. TASK FORCE THREE RAim Ingram

CruDiv 2

DesRon 9

One PatDiv plus 2 tenders from PatWing 5

From 7 December 1941 until 20 December 1941, the current operating plan  
was CominCh V. J. Fleet Operation Plan 7C-41 of 29 September 1941.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942

1/  
d. 4.

TASK FORCE FOUR (Support Force)

2/  
RAdm Bristol

Escort Units

PRAIRIE AD 15

DENEBOLA AD 12

VULCAN AB 5

MELVILLE AD 2

DesFleet 3 less DesRons 9, 11

ST. AUGUSTINE

ZIRCON PT 15

CAMPBELL

INGRAM

4 CGC (when available)

4.3

Patrol Wing SEVEN

3.4.5.6/

Capt Mullinnix

8.9/  
VP-71 12 PBY

10.11/  
VP-72 12 PBY

1. Designation changed to T.F. 24, 6 March 1942.  
2. Relieved by RAdm Brainard, 20 April 1942.  
3. 9 December 1941, administration of wing shifted to Fleet Air Detachment, Norfolk.  
4. 22 December 1941, VP-82 joined PatWing 7.  
5. March, April, May 1941, PatWing 7 based at Argentia with spare planes at Quonset under ComEasSeaPron.  
6. 10 March 1942, reported to ComPatrol Wings, Atlantic Fleet.  
7. Relieved by Capt. Sallada, 22 March 1942. Sallada relieved by Cdr. Meadow, 8 April 1942. Meadow relieved by Cdr. Hundt, 27 April 1942.  
8. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentia and Quonset.  
9. December 1941, detached and ordered to reinforce the Pacific Fleet.  
10. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentia and Quonset.  
11. December 1941, detached and ordered to reinforce the Pacific Fleet.

Disposition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942.

4.3

Patrol Wing SEVEN (con't)

1.2.3/

VP-73

12 PBY

4/  
VP-74

12 PBM

ALBEMARLE (at Norfolk)

POCONOKE (temporary duty from PatWing 8)

GEORGE E. BADGER

BELINAP, at Reykjavik

5.

TASK FORCE FIVE

VIXEN

SubRon 1

SubRon 5 (less SubDivs 51, 53)

SubRon 7 (less 4 OSS to Bermuda)

5/

TASK FORCE SIX

6/

Northern Patrol

RAdm Andrews

Vessels and aircraft as assigned

6/

Gulf Patrol

RAdm Allen

Vessels and Aircraft as assigned

6/

Caribbean Patrol

RAdm Hoover

Vessels and aircraft as assigned

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- 1. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentia, Iceland and Norfolk.
- 2. 30 December 1941, re-equipped with 12 PBY-5A's.
- 3. March, April, May 1942 - 6 planes at Iceland under ComTask Group 4.6; 6 planes at Quonset under ComResSeaFront.
- 4. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentia, Iceland and Norfolk.
- 5. Task Force Six is the Atlantic Fleet designation for forces assigned to the respective Sea Frontiers.
- 6. See the Guides to the Sea Frontiers for a listing of these vessels and aircraft.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942.

1. 6. **TASK FORCE SIX (con't)**  
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6.4 **Patrol** **RAdm Sadler**  
DesRon 33 less DesDiv 66  
SubRon 3 less 3 OSS's to T.G. 6.3  
DesDivs 51, 53  
PatWing 3, less detach. to T.G. 6.3,  
plus 1 PatRon

1. 7. **TASK FORCE SEVEN**

7.1 **SOPA CARGO BAY**  
4 AMc's from 1st Naval District

7.2 **SOPA Bermuda**  
OWL  
N.O.B. Bermuda  
2/ 3/  
1 PatDiv and 1 tender (when available)  
4.5/ 6.7/  
ScoRons 2D1, 5D4 0520  
4 OSS's (from SubRon 7)  
4 AMc's (from 1st Naval District)

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1. See "Organization of Air Forces in Panama Sea Frontier".
2. A six-plane detachment of VP-74 was based at Daniels Island, Bermuda, 22 January 1942 until 1 May, when they were moved to King's Point. On 20 August 1942, the detachment was released from duty with T.G. 26.5 and returned to the Eastern Sea Frontier.
3. USS GAMBIT.
4. Commissioned 1 June 1941.
5. April 1-26, 1942 operated from Darrell's Island, N.A.S. Bermuda. April 27, transferred to NAS King's Point, Bermuda.
6. Commissioned 16 September 1940.
7. 10-27 April 1942, operated from Darrell's Island, Bermuda. 27 April 1942 transferred to Morgan-Tucker Island.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942

g. 7. **TASK FORCE SEVEN (con't)**

7.3 **SOPA Trinidad**

7.4 **SOPA Argentina**

1 Min Div

N.O.B. Newfoundland

2 CGC, 1 AM or AT from Trainron 5.

7.5 **SOPA Iceland**

1 MinDiv

N.O.B. Iceland

WILLIAMSBURG

REDWING

7.6 **SOPA Hampton Roads**

SOPA Boston

SOPA Recife

SOPA Bahia

SOPA Natal

h. 8. **TASK FORCE EIGHT**

RAdm McWhorter

8.1 **Transitional and Operational Training Squadrons, Atlantic (Patrol Planes)**

8.2 **Carrier Training Squadrons**

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942

h. 8. **TASK FORCE EIGHT (Con't)**

8.3 **Fleet Air Photo Unit, Atlantic**  
N.B. - Patrons 51, 71, 72 on temporary detached duty

1. 9. **TASK FORCE NINE** RAdm Reichmuth

9.1 **TrainRon 1, less VULCAN, CONSTELLATION**

9.2 **Train Ron 3**  
TransDivs 1, 3, 5, 7 (less Leonard Wood, J.T. Dickman), 11

ALMAACK AKA 10

9.3 **Train Ron 5**  
Less units detailed to SOPA's (T.F. 7)

9.4 **TrainRon 7**  
Less PATOKA AO 9

9.5 **Utility Wing (UtBrons 4,5)**

J. 10. **TASK FORCE TEN** MGen Smith

Headquarters

10.1 **1st Marine Division**

10.2 **1st Marine Aircraft Wing** ) on detached duty

10.3 **Second Defense Battalion**

10.4 **1st Base Depot (forward Echelon)**

10.5 **Army Troops only assigned**

k. 11. **Fleet Flagship**  
AUGUSTA  
CONSTELLATION (relief flagship)

COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

8 MAY 1942 - 1 JANUARY 1943

Operating under: U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 2-42, dated  
8 May 1942  
Effective date: 16 May 1942.

CominCh, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

VAdm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 21. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE**

21.1 Troop Convoy Escort Force

BatDiv 6

CraDiv 8

RAdm Davidson

DesRon 7, 11, 13

DesDiv 15 less LANG, GERNADOU, COLE, DALLAS

21.2 **Training Group**

RAdm Carpender

DENEBOIA

AD 12

VULCAN

AR 5

21.2.1 Northern Unit

Ships as assigned for upkeep and training

21.2.2 Southern Unit

Ships as assigned for upkeep and training

b. 22. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO**

RAdm Sharp

NORTH CAROLINA

BB 55

Composition Of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO (Con't)

1.2.3/

• RAY GIER

(RADM McWhorter)

## AUGUSTA

## QUINCY

One ship of CruDiv 10

DesRon 10

C. 93 **TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE**

VAdm Ingerman

CroD1v 2

1 Ship of CruDiv 10

**HMS DIOMEDE**

DesRon 9

## PATOKA

**Patrons and tenders re assigned**

Now assigned: 1 PatDiv from Patron 83

**GREENE, HUMBOLDT, THUSS**

### 18th and 19th Provisional Marine Companies

8 24 TASK FORCE THIRTY-FOUR

Wade Braeberd

### Ocean Trade Convoy Exports

DasDiy 53

5 683

1. VP-9 reported aboard 2 Oct. 1942.
2. 25 October 1942, joined T.F. 34 for North African Operation.
3. 22 November 1942, VP-9 detached.
4. Operating under Commander Task Force 24 Operation Plan 3-42, dated 1 April 1942.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Con't.)

Ocean Trade Convoy Escorts (con't)

British, Canadian and other corvettes as assigned

PRAIRIE

AD 15

Greenland Patrol

9 CGC (3 others when available)

USS BEAR

USS BOWDOIN

1.2.3.4.5.6/

Patrol Wing SEVEN

Cdr. Hundt

2/

Patrons and tenders as assigned

8/ 9.10/ 6/

Now assigned: Patrons 73, 82, 93

BARNEGAT, BELKNAP, BISCAYNE, BADGER, LAPWING

POCOMOKE

N.O.B. Argentia

N.A.S.

- 1. On 29 May 1942, the first three planes of VP-84 reported to PatWing 7 at Argentia.
- 2. Patrol Wing SEVEN became the patrol wing of Task Force 24 effective 11 March 1942. VP-74 remained under Patrol Wings Atlantic Fleet.
- 3. VP-84 added to the wing; the first three planes (PBY-5A's) arriving 29 May 1942. Administration transferred to Patrol Wing SEVEN, 1 June 1942, moved to Iceland 21 October 1942.
- 4. Hedron SEVEN commissioned 12 September 1942.
- 5. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing SEVEN, 26 October 1942.
- 6. On 9 November 1942, the detachments of the wing were changed to Air Groups as follows: Argentia Fleet Air Group, Greenland Fleet Air Group, Iceland Fleet Air Group and Fleet Air Wing SEVEN Training Group (Quonset). Relieved by Cdr. Baker, 22 July 1942.
- 7. Departed Iceland 21 October 1942 for Ballykelly, Ireland and continued to North Africa.
- 8. On 9 June 1942, VP-82 reported to PatWing 9 for administration and to ComEasSeaFron for duty.
- 9. On 16 November 1942, VP-82 reported for duty with FAW-7 at Argentia.
- 10. Added to the wing 12 May 1942. On 14 May 1942, 3 PBY-5A's of VP-93 arrived Greenland for operations based on LAPWING. The planes shortly moved to BLUIE WEST ONE.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

e. 25. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE** RAdm Daubin  
SubRon 1, less detachments to ServRon 9 (SubDiv 12)  
SubRon 7, less detachments to T.G. 26.3, 26.5, 27.1  
SubDiv 51

f. 26. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX (In addition to Sea Frontier Forces)**

26.1 Eastern Sea Frontier Group RAdm Andrews  
1/  
Ships and PatRons as assigned

26.2 Gulf Sea Frontier Group Capt Cranshaw  
1/  
Ships and PatRons as assigned

26.3 Caribbean Sea Frontier Group PAdm Hoover  
1/  
Ships and PatRons as assigned

26.4 Panama Sea Frontier Group PAdm Van Hook  
1/  
Ships and aircraft as assigned

26.5 Bermuda Group PAdm James  
Combined local defense forces, Bermuda  
including N.O.B. Bermuda  
N.A.S.  
Mobile Base Hospital No. 1  
4 SS (from SubRon 7)

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1. See the Guides to the Sea Frontiers for a listing of these vessels and aircraft.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

26.5 Bermuda Group (cont.) RAdm James

4 PC (upon reporting)

ALTAIR, OWL

ENERGY, HEROIC, JACAMAR, MARABOUT (from 1st N.D.)

1,3/

ScoRon 2D1

1,2/

ScoRon 5D4

PatRons and tenders as assigned.

Now assigned:

4/  
One PatDiv from PatFon 74

GANNETT

26.6 Iceland Group RAdm Kauffman

Naval Local Defense Forces

N.O.B. Iceland

Fleet Air Base

MELVILLE, WILLIAMSBURG, REDWING

g. 27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN

27.1 SOPA CASCO BAY

SS as detailed

IUKA, KALMIA, ACCENTOR, CHIMANGO, COTINGA,  
FULMAR (from 1st N.D.)

27.2 SOPA Bermuda

- 1. Administration assigned to FAW-5, 17 September 1942.
- 2. Plane complement increased from 6 to 12 OS2U's, 18 May 1942.
- 3. Plane complement increased from 6 to 8 OS2U's.
- 4. Released 20 August 1942.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

g. 27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN (Cont.)

27.3 SOPA Trinidad

27.4 SOPA Argentia

MinDiv 25

BRANT

4 PC (upon reporting)

5 USCGC

27.5 SOPA Iceland

27.6 SOPA Hampton Roads

27.7 SOPA Boston

27.8 SOPA Recife

27.9 SOPA Bahia

27.10 SOPA Natal

h. 28. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT PAdm Bernhard

CHARGER

Patrol Wings

1/

PatWings 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 less PatRons  
assigned to other TF's  
Seaplane tenders less tenders as-  
signed to other TF's

Training Activities: Carrier Replacement Air Groups  
Advanced Carrier Training Groups  
Transition Training Squadrons  
Operational Training Squadrons  
Fleet Aircraft Photo Squadrons

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1. 1 April 1942, the administration of Patrol Wing SEVEN was transferred to Fleet Air Detachment, Quonset.



Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

i. 29. TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE VAdm Reichmuth  
ServRon 1 less CONSTELLATION, IUKA,  
KALMIA, REDWIN, VULCAN

ServRon 5 less units assigned to other TF's

ServRon 7 less units assigned to other TF's

Utility Wing

j. 30. TASK FORCE THIRTY RAdm Hewitt  
30.1 Covering Group  
Ships assigned for exercises or particular operations  
30.2 Transport Group  
TransDivs 1, 3, 5, 7, 11  
30.3 Amphibious Corps Atlantic Fleet MGen Smith  
Headquarters  
Marine Corps troops assigned.  
Army troops assigned (9th Army Division so assigned  
(for training))

k. 31. Fleet Flagship  
CONSTELLATION (Flagship)  
VIXEN (Relief flagship on reporting)  
31.9 Anti-Submarine Warfare Unit

COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 JANUARY 1943 - 1 SEPTEMBER 1943

Operating under: Cinclant Operating Plan No. 3-42 dated 8 December 1942. Effective date: 1 January 1943.

Modification No. 1 dated 20 December 1942.

Cinclant

VAdm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

21.1 Troop Convoy Escort Group

BatDiv 5 plus ALABAMA RAdm Kelly

CruDiv 8 RAdm Davidson

DesRons 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17

BERNAUD, COLE, DALLAS, HAMBLETON

21.2 Training Group RAdm Deyo

DENEBOA

HAMUL (upon reporting)

21.2.1 Northern Unit

Ships as assigned for training.

21.2.2 Southern Unit

Ships as assigned for training

21.2.3 United Kingdom Unit

Ships as assigned for training.

b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO RAdm McWhorter

MASSACHUSETTS

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

b. 22. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO (Cont.)** RAdm McWhorter

CruDiv 7

DesRon 10 less HAMBLETON

c. 23. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE** VAdm Ingram

CruDiv 2

DesRon 9

DesDiv 21

1,2/

ELLIS, SANTEE

PatRon 74

PatRon 83 (from FAW-11)

HUMBOLDT

MinDiv 17 (upon reporting)

N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro

18th, 19th Provisional Marine Companies

d. 24. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR** VAdm Brainard <sup>3/</sup>

PRAIRIE

KAWeah

Ocean Trade Convoy Escorts

4.5/

BOGUE

6/

CARD (upon reporting)

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1. Reported to TF 23, 26 December 1942.
2. 3 March 1943, designation changed to 41.7.
3. Relieved by RAdm Oldendorf, 2 May 1943.
4. Joined 5 March 1943 to TF 24.
5. Joined TG 92.3 under operational control TF 24, 23 April 1943.
6. VC-1 aboard. Joined TF 21, 14 May 1943.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.) VAdm Breinard

DesDiv 53

ComDiv 1

5 USCGC

Vessels of Allied forces as assigned

1 thru 15/

16/

FAIR WING SEVEN

Capt Baker

- 1. VB-103 reported 15 May 1943.
- 2. On 18 May 1943, together with all anti-submarine forces in the Atlantic, placed under TENTH Fleet.
- 3. On 23 January 1943, a 3-plane detachment (PBY-5A's) of VP-31 reported to the wing for duty. 26 April, personnel of this detachment transferred to FAW-5, while the planes were transferred to Hedron 7.
- 4. On 28 January 1943, a 1-plane detachment of Utility Squadron 4 reported for duty to the wing at Argentia. Detached 29 March 1943.
- 5. On 3 February 1943, a 3-plane detachment of VP-52 (PBY-5A's) reported to FAW-7 for duty.
- 6. On 6 February 1943, a 2-plane detachment of VP-31 was transferred from Argentia to Greenland to reinforce the Greenland Air Group.
- 7. On 16 April 1943, a 1-plane detachment of Utility Squadron 4 reported to FAW-7 for duty.
- 8. From 30 April 1943, Argentia Air Detachment reported to No. 1 Group PCAF for operational control.
- 9. 15 May 1943, VB-103 (PB4Y-1's) reported to FAW-7 for duty at Argentia.
- 10. 19 June 1943, the joint British-American anti-submarine operations from Iceland were placed under British operational control.
- 11. 22 June 1943, VP-63 (15 PBY-5's) was transferred from FAW-9 to -7. Reported for duty in Iceland 27 June 1943. Departed Iceland for Pembroke Dock, Wales on 11 July 1943 for duty under the operational control of 19th Group, RAF Coastal Command.
- 12. Patrol Squadron 6 (CG) commissioned 21 August 1943 and given transitional training by FAW-7.
- 13. FAW-7 Operation Order 2-43, dated 13 August 1943, provided for the temporary movement of the wing to England.
- 14. VB-103 departed Argentia 16 August 1943 for St. Eval, England.
- 15. On 23 September 1943 the administration of FAW-7 units in Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland (VB-128, Patrol Squadron (CG) and detachments of VB-126 and Hedron 7) were temporarily transferred to FAW-9.
- 16. Relieved by Captain Hamilton, 27 May 1943.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.) VAdm Brainard

Fair Wing SEVEN (cont.)

FAW-7 Hedron

1,2,3/

PatRon 82

4/

PatRon 84

5,2,6,7,8/

PatRon 93

SANDPIPER

Greenland Patrol

RAdm Smith, USCG

BEAR

BOWDOIN

23 USCGC's

6 SC

N.O.B., Argentia

N.A.S.

Weather Patrol Ships

MANASQUAN, MANHASSET

MENEMSHA, MONOMOY

SEA CLOUD

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1. 1 March 1943, designation changed to VB-125.
2. During spring of 1943, a gradual change-over to PV-1's was made by these two squadrons.
3. Transferred to Gulf Sea Frontier 17 June 1943. Administration transferred to FAW-12.
4. 5 September 1943, relieved by VB-128. VP-84 transferred to FAW-5.
5. 1 March 1943, designation changed to VB-126.
6. At the beginning of February 1943, a 3-plane detachment of VP-93 was based at Brunswick, Maine, for operation under ComEasSeaFron. 17 May 1943, the detachment returned to Argentia.
7. On 27 May 1943, a det. of 2 PBY-5A's of VB-126 departed Argentia for Crystal Is. for ice reconnaissance and a/s operations in Hudson Straits.
8. Transferred to EasSeaFron 17 June 1943. Admin. Transferred to FAW-9.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

e. 25. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE** RAdm Daubin

SubRon 1

SubRon 7 less detachments to TG 26.2,

26.3, 26.5, 27.1

SubDiv 31

SS as assigned for training

f. 26. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX**

(U.S. Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to Sea Frontiers)

26.1	<u>Eastern Sea Frontier</u>	)	
26.2	<u>Gulf Sea Frontier</u>	)	See Composition of Sea
26.3	<u>Caribbean Sea Frontier</u>	)	Frontier Forces
26.4	<u>Panama Sea Frontier</u>	)	
26.5	<u>Bermuda Group</u>		RAdm James

Combined Local Defense Forces, Bermuda

including:

N.O.B., Bermuda

N.A.S.

U.S. Mobile Hospital Unit No. 1

Airons and tenders

1/

PatRon 52 less detachment to  
TG 27.1 (from FAW-5)

1. Operated from Bermuda until 15 May 1943 when squadron departed  
Bermuda for Norfolk.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

f. 26.5 Bermuda Group (cont.)

Airons and tenders (cont.)

1/

ScoRon 2D1

2,3/

ScoRon 5D4 (from FAW-5)

3 SS, 4 SC (upon reporting)

4 YMS, 1 YO, 1 YP, 1 YC, 1 YF

ALGORMA

MONTEZUMA

HEROIC

JACAMAR

MARABOUT

26.6 Iceland Group

RAdm Beary

N.O.B., Iceland

Fleet Air Base

VULCAN BODEGA

WILLIAMSBURG BRONCO

URANUS GAUGER

KEWAYDIN PESSACUS

BELMONT UNCAS

GEMINI

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1. Designation changed to VS-32, 1 March 1943.
2. Designation changed to VS-35, 1 March 1943.
3. 10 May 1943, began departure for Norfolk to be re-equipped with SBD's.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

f. 26.7 Northwest Africa Group RAdm Hall  
(see Composition of Northwest African Forces)

26.8 N.O.B. Oran

g. 27. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN**

27.1 SOPA CASCO BAY  
RELIEF  
SS as temporarily detailed by ComSubLant  
1 Section PatRon 52  
IUKA  
KALMIA  
4 YMS, 1 YA, 1 YC, 2 YF, 1 YFB, 2 YO  
CHENANGO, COTINGA, FULMAR

27.2 SOPA Bermuda

27.3 \_\_\_\_\_

27.4 SOPA Argentia  
MinDiv 25  
4 SC, 3 YMS, 12 CGC, 1 YF, 1 YP, 1 YSD

27.5 SOPA Iceland

27.6 SOPA Hampton Roads

27.7 SOPA Boston

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

h. 28. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (ComAirLant)** <sup>1/</sup> RAdm Bernhard

Transitional Training Squadron

Operational Training Squadron

Fleet Aircraft Photographic Squadron No. 2

Fleet Air Wing Five

FAW-5 Hedron

PatRons 201 to 209

ALBEMARLE

BARNEGAT

GOLDSBOROUGH

MATAGORDA

Fleet Air Wing Nine

FAW-9 Hedron

Units assigned to this Task Force

FairShip Wing 30, less units assigned to TG 26.1, 26.2

New squadrons until assigned to a wing

i. 29. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE** VAdm Sharp

Service Force less units assigned to other Task Forces

2 IP

Ships as assigned for training

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1. RAdm Bernhard was later relieved by VAdm Bellinger.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

j. 30. **TASK FORCE THIRTY** VAdm Hewitt  
Amphibious Force less TransDiv 11  
Ships assigned for exercise or particular operations  
Troops assigned  
1 YAG, 1 YH, 3 YP, 2 YR, 2 YT

k. 31. **Fleet Units**  
31.1 **Flagships**  
VIXEN  
CONSTELLATION  
31.2 Vessels of Atlantic Fleet not under control  
of TF or TG commanders of Atlantic Fleet  
CHARGER  
Amphibious Force Mediterranean  
DAUNTLESS  
YM 80  
SubRon 50  
TransDiv 11  
31.9 **Anti-Submarine WarFare Development Unit**  
Vessels assigned to the Atlantic Fleet but not  
assigned to any Task Force  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
CruDiv 13

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

31.9 Anti-Submarine Warfare Development Unit (cont.)

1/

CROATAN

2/

BARNES

BLOCK ISLAND

GLACIER

RYBUS

ROCKAWAY

SAN PABLO

UNIMAK

DesRon 18

DesRon 19

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1. Attached to TG 21.15, 6 August 1943. VC-25 aboard.
2. Attached to TG 21.17, 21 August 1943.

COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 SEPTEMBER 1943 - 15 MARCH 1944

Operating under: CinC<sup>L</sup>ant Operation Plan 1-43, dated 1 September 1943.

Change to above plan dated 16 November 1943.

CinC<sup>L</sup>ant

Adm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 20. TASK FORCE TWENTY RAdm Kirk

Amphibious Training Command Atlantic Fleet

Amphibious bases

Ships assigned for exercise or particular operations

Ships assigned for training

Troops assigned

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

BatDiv 5 less NEW YORK PAdm Bryant

CruDiv 8\* RAdm Davidson

1,2/  
BLOCK ISLAND

3/  
BOGUE

4/  
CORE

5/  
CARD

\* Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.

1. Attached to 21.17.
2. 15 October 1943 attached to 21.16. VC-1 aboard.
3. 5 September 1943, attached to 21.12. VC-19 aboard. Task Group dissolved 29 December 1943. 18 January 1944, joined TF 69. 26 October 1944, joined TG 21.11; VC-95 aboard.
4. 27 June 1943 underway with convoy UGS-11; VC-13 aboard. 30 October 1943 joined TG 21.15. 5 December 1944 embarked VC-6.
5. VC-1 aboard. Part of TG 21.14. 10 November 1943, VC-9 aboard. 22 November 1943, VC-55 reported for duty.

Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

b. 21. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (cont.)**

1/

CROATAN

2/

SANTEE

DesRons 7\*, 8\*, 13\*, 15\*, 16, 17\*, 18, 19

27, 30\*, 31

DesDivs 21, 58, BARRY, BORIE, GOFF

CortDivs less GOLDSBOROUGH, CortDiv 2

5 USCOC

21.9.1 **Flagships**

VIXEN

CONSTELLATION

21.9.3 **U.K. Unit and Convoy Escort Control Officer Londonderry**

**Ships assigned for training**

c. 22. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO**

RAdm Hustvedt

BatDiv 7

DesDiv 19

d. 23. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE**

RAdm Beary

**Operational Training Command**

**Ships assigned for training**

NEW YORK

\* Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.

1. Attached to TG 21.15. Attached to 27.4.1, 22 October 1943. Attached to 21.13, 14 January 1944.
2. Attached to TG 21.11. 25 October 1943, AG-29 aboard. 13 February 1944, underway to Panama to join Pacific Fleet.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

d. 23 TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE (Cont.)

RAdm Beary

CortDiv 2

ALTAIR

DENEBOLA

HAMUL

WILLIAMSBURG

WYOMING

DAHLGREN

5 PE, 2 egs, OWL, PARTRIDGE

MTBron 4

SubDiv 12

8 SS from TF 25

7 PC, 7 SC, 1 ATR, 1 YMS

Training Centers

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR

RAdm Oldendorf

PRAIRIE

KIOWA

PINTO

Detachment from Hedron 7

BomRon 128

PatRon 6 (CG)

MinDiv 25

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (cont.) RAdm Oldendorf

ALBATROSS

BLUEBIRD

2 APe, 4 YMS,

BEAR

BOWDOIN

8 SC, 30 CGC

Navy No. 26 (Grondal)

Navy No. 1503 (Narsarsuak)

N. O. B., Argentia

Naval Station

N. A. S.

10th Construction Regiment

Weather Patrol Ships

CONIFER

EVERGREEN

MANHASSET

SEA CLOUD

SORREL

f. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE RAdm Daubin

Sub Force

SubRons 1, 3, 7 less units temporarily assigned elsewhere

Subs assigned for training

FORCE

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944

g. 26. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX**

26.1 Bermuda Group

RAdm Sowell

Combined Local Defense Forces, Bermuda,

including:

N.O.B., Bermuda

N.A.S.

U.S. Mobile Hospital No. 1

31st Construction Battalion

49th Construction Battalion

1/  
PatRon 15

2/  
PatRon 201

3/  
ScoRon 32

MinDiv 23

HEROIC

JAGAMAR

MARABOUT

SC's 678 to 681

CHEROKEE

CHOCTAW

3 APs

ARDC-1 (upon reporting)

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1. Operated from Bermuda from 15 May 1943 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 1944. Administration under FAW-5.
2. A 6-plane detachment of VP-201 operated from Bermuda during the period 27 May 1943 to 19 August 1943, and was joined by the balance of the squadron 19 August 1943. VP-201 operated from Bermuda until 8 June 1944.
3. 18 September 1943, administration transferred to FAW-9. 1 February 1944, plane complement reduced to 6 OS2U's. 8 April 1944 planes transferred to VJ-15 and squadron decommissioned 15 April 1944.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO SEA FRONTIERS

(See COMPOSITION OF THE RESPECTIVE SEA FRONTIERS)

26.2      Eastern Sea Frontier

26.3      Gulf Sea Frontier

26.4      Caribbean Sea Frontier

26.5      Panama Sea Frontier

26.6      Iceland Group

Commodore Westworth

N.O.B., Iceland

28th Construction Battalion

NAP

COMORANT

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE TENTH FLEET

26.10      FAW 5, 9, 11, 12

BomRons 114, 125, 126, 131 to 134, 141

PatRons 32, 84, 202 to 205, 208 to 210, 212

ScoRons 31, 33, 34, 36 to 40, 43 to 45, 62, 63

Airship Wings 1, 2, 5

26.11      SOPA CASCO BAY

RAdm Deyo

MinDiv 24

3 planes (from Hedron 9)

CHIMANGO, COTINGA, FULMAR, IUKA, KALMIA

3 YMS, 2 APe

1. On 16 November 1943 the Iceland Group was changed to TG 24.4.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

h. 27. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN**  
Units operating directly under CinC<sub>L</sub>ant

i. 28. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT** RAdm Bellinger  
All carriers, seaplane tenders, aircraft and airship organizations not assigned other task forces and including those assigned for training.

GOLDSBOROUGH, 7 CGC

Anti-Submarine Warfare Development Detachment

SYLPH (upon reporting)

1 PC, 1 SC, 2 CGC

j. 29. **TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE** VAdm Sharp  
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Service Force, less units assigned to other Task Forces

ANTEUS

Ships assigned for training.

k. 60. **TASK FORCE SIXTY.**  
to

69. **TASK FORCE SIXTY-NINE.**  
Task Forces operating directly under CinC<sub>L</sub>ant

l. **FOURTH U. S. FLEET**  
(See Composition of the FOURTH U. S. Fleet)  
Vessels of the Atlantic Fleet not under operational control of Task Force or Task Group Commander Atlantic Fleet:

RANGER,

Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.

\* Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

1. **FOURTH U. S. FLEET (Cont.)**

**CruDiv 7**

**DesDiv 20**

**DAUNTLESS**

**FAW-7**

**VB 103**

**VB 105**

**VB-110**

**VB-111**

**VB-112**

**VP-63**

COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

15 MARCH 1944 - 1 MARCH 1945

Operating under: CinCInt Operation Plan No. 1-44 dated 17 February 1944.  
Effective date: 15 March 1944

CinCInt

Adm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 20.	TASK FORCE TWENTY	Commodore Johnson
	Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet	
b. 21.	TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE	
	BatDiv 5 less NEW YORK	RAdm Bryant
	CruDiv 8*	RAdm Davidson
	1,2/ BLOCK ISLAND	
	3/ TRIPOLI	
	4/ MISSION BAY	
	5/ GUADALCANAL	

\* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.

1. Attached to 21.16. VC-6 aboard.
2. 22 April 1944 attached to 21.11. VC-6 aboard.
3. 15 March 1944 joined 21.14; VC-13 aboard. -- 1 Aug. 1944 joined 27.2.  
18 May 1944 joined 22.4; VC-6 aboard. -- 22 Aug. 1944 joined 41.7.  
22 July 1944 reported 28.2
4. 20 February 1944 - 24 April 1944 carried planes to India as part of  
TG 27.2.  
5 May 1944 joined 22.1  
28 May 1944 joined 27.1.  
19 July 1944 joined 28.2
5. Attached 21.12; VC-13 aboard.  
12 May 1944 VC-8 reported.  
8 July 1944 VC-19 aboard  
25 September 1944 VC-6 reported aboard.  
28 September 1944 VC-69 embarked  
30 November 1944 VC-19 embarked  
1 January 1945 attached to 22.7.  
20 January 1945 VC-19 embarked.  
23 February 1945 VC-6 embarked.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (Cont.)

1/  
BOGUE

CARD

2/  
CORE

3/  
CROATAN

4/  
WAKE ISLAND

5/  
SOLOMONS

6/  
KASAAN BAY

7/  
TULAGI

DesRons 7\*, 8\*, 15, 16\*, 17, 18, 27, 29, 30

DesDivs 20, 21\*, 25\*, 66

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\* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.

1. Attached to TG 21.11 VC-95 aboard.
2. 3 April 1944 joined 21.16, VC-36 aboard.  
8 August 1944 joined 22.4, VC-13 aboard.  
1 December 1944, joined 22.2, VC-58 aboard.  
13 December 1944 joined 28.2.  
24 January 1945 joined 22.4, VC-58 aboard.
3. 24 March 1944 attached to 21.15, VC-42 aboard.
4. Attached to 27.2.  
24 April 1944, designation changed to 41.7.  
5 May 1944 designation changed to 22.1.  
15 June 1944 joined 22.6, VC-58 aboard.  
11 November 1944, underway for the Canal to join Pacific Fleet,  
VC-9 aboard.
5. Operated with T 41.6, 31 March 1944 - 26 September 1944.
6. 28 May 1944 - 27 June 1944, operated with 27.1.
7. 28 May 1944 - 9 July 1944, operated with 27.1.

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (Cont.)

CortDivs 1, 3, 4\*, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13,  
15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 35,  
45, 46, 48, 51, 60, 62, 66, 67,  
71

7 CGC

Temporarily assigned to the Pacific Fleet

DE STERN

O'NEILL

O'TOOLE

JOHN J. POWERS

MASON

JOHN M. BIRMINGHAM

c. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO

RAdm Deyo

RANGER

CruDiv 7

DesDiv 19

d. 23. TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE

RAdm Beary

Operational Training Command

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR

RAdm Smith, USCG

Iceland Group

Commodore Wentworth

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\* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.

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e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.) RAdm Smith, USCG

N.O.B., Iceland

Weather Patrol Group

Commodore Derby

ASTERION

BIG HORN

MANHASSET

NOURMAHAL

SEA CLOUD

Greenland Patrol

Commodore Rose

Naval Operating Facility, Grondal

Naval Facility, Narsarsuak

N.O.B., Argentia

Naval Station

N.A.S.

6 SC, 25 CGC plus 5 to report

VP-6 (CG)

f. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE

Submarine Force

g. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX

26.1 Bermuda Group

RAdm Sowell

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

g. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX (Cont.)

Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to Sea Frontiers

26.2 Eastern Sea Frontier

26.3 Gulf Sea Frontier

26.4 Caribbean Sea Frontier

26.5 Panama Sea Frontier

Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to 10th Fleet

Fair Wings 9, 11, 12

AirShip Wings 1, 2, 5

h. 27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN

Units operating directly under CinCInt

i. 28. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT VAdm Bellinger

Fleet Air Command, Norfolk RAdm Read

SOSU-2

Fleet Air Command, Quonset RAdm Durgin

CASU's 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Fleet AirShips Atlantic Commodore Mills

Anti-Submarine Development Detachment

3 SS from TF 25

CGC BOONE

Surface vessels as assigned

Naval AirShip Training and Experimental Command

RAdm Rosendahl

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

i. 28.      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (Cont.)**      **VAdm Bellinger**

**FairWing Five**

**VID-2**

**CHARGER**

**ALBEMARLE**

**HUMBOLDT**

**MATAGORDA**

**ROCKAWAY**

**UNIWAHK**

**REHOBOTH**

**GOFF**

**McCORMICK**

**LAPWING**

**Aircraft carriers and aircraft as assigned for training.**

j. 29.      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE**      **VAdm Sharpe**

**Service Force\* less units assigned to other TF's**

**BAINBRIDGE**

**SIMPSON**

**BROOME**

**\* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.**

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

k. 60      **TASK FORCE SIXTY**

to

69      **TASK FORCE SIXTY-NINE**

TF's operating directly under CinC<sup>L</sup>ant

1.      **FOURTH FLEET**

VAdm Ingram

(See Composition of the FOURTH Fleet)

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Units of the Atlantic Fleet not under operational control of Task Force or Task Group Commanders of the Atlantic Fleet

**DAUNTLESS**

**FAIRWING SEVEN**

**3 PCE**

## COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 MARCH 1945 -

Operating under: CinCAlt Operating Plan No. 1-45, dated 15 February 1945.

Effective date: 1 March 1945.

CinCAlt Adm Ingram

### Task Organization

a. 20	TASK FORCE TWENTY	RAdm Rockwell
	Amphibious Training Command	
b. 21	TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE	Adm Ingram
	2 CA, 3 CL, 38 DD, 9 DD	
	12 DD, 84 DE, 11 DE, 21 PF	
	9 PF, 1 AD, 1 PG, 1 PY	
c. 22	TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO	Adm Ingram
	Striking Force	
	22.1 -- 22.5, 2217 and 1 CVE, 6 DE	
	22.8 -- 22.10, 22.13, 22.14 each 4 DE	
d. 23	TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE	RAdm Bryant
	Operational Training Command	
e. 24	TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR	RAdm Smith, USCG
24.1	<u>Unassigned</u>	
24.2	<u>Service Group</u> , 1 ATF	
24.3	<u>Air Group</u> --9 VPB (MS)	
24.4	<u>Iceland Group</u>	

Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

e. 24      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)**      **Adm Smith, USCG**

24.4.1    N. O. B. Iceland

24.4.2    Jan Mayen

24.5      Atlantic Weather Patrol Group

      1 AGL

      13 PF

      5 PP

24.6      Ocean Escort Group

      6 PG

24.7      Ice Information Group

24.8      Greenland Patrol

      8 PG

      2 CGC

      3 CGAT

      4 AGL

24.8.4    NOF, Grondal

      1 YCK

24.8.6    Naval Facility, Narsarssak

24.9      NOB Argentina

      1 YC

      2 YO

      1 YF

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e. 24      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)**      RAdm Smith, USCG

24.9      **NOB Argentia (Cont.)**

    1 YSD

    2 YTB

    1 AN

    1 YNG

    1 YFD

    4 YMS

24.9.1      **Naval Station**

24.9.2      **Naval Air Facility**

f. 25      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE**      RAdm Styer

    Submarine Force

g. 26      **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX**      Adm Ingram

26.1      **Bermuda Group**      RAdm Braisted

    1 ATF

    1 AM

    1 ARS

    5 APC

    2 PCE

    2 IC

    2 ID

    1 IC

    2 YF

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g. 26.1 Bermuda Group (cont.)

2 YO

1 YOG

1 YR

1 YSD

3 ITB

3 ITL

1 YW

2 YMS

18 VPB (HS)

Foreign vessels assigned temporary duty

Combined local defense forces

NOB Bermuda

NAS Bermuda

Facilities for submarines (Ordnance Island)

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED SEA FRONTIERS

26.2 Eastern Sea Frontier

26.3 Gulf Sea Frontier

26.4 Caribbean Sea Frontier

26.5 Panama Sea Frontier

(See Composition of Air Forces in the respective  
Sea Frontiers)

26.7 Azores Detachment

Commander Jaap

12 VPB (HL) Assigned from FairWing 9  
(under British Operational)

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ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO TENTH FLEET

FairWings 7, 9, 11, 12, 15

FairShipWings 1, 2

h. 27      TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN      Adm Ingram

Units as assigned

i. 28      TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT      VAdm Bellinger

Air Force

28.1      Fleet Air Command, Norfolk      RAdm Read

    1 CVE

    7 CGC

    2 AM

    1 SOSU

    1 CASU

    1 CVE (assigned operational control  
    of CNAOpTra)

28.2      Fleet Air Command, Quonset      Commodore Rowe

    1 CVE

    8 ODD

    8 CASU

    1 AG

28.3      Fleet AirShips Command, Atlantic      Commodore Mills

28.4      Anti-Submarine Development Detachment      Captain Turner

    1 ODD

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1. 28.4 Anti-Submarine Development Detachment (cont.)

1 DE

1 ATF

8 CG

1 PCE

5 SC

1 DMS

1 YTL

SS (as assigned from TF 25)

1 CGC

1 PYc

28.5 Fleet Air Wing FIVE Captain Gavin

2 AVP

1 SC

FairWing FIVE, 1 AG

28.6 Tenders, Escorts and AG's

1 AV

6 AVP

1 AG (assigned to operational control  
of CNAOpFra)

1 IP

1 PF

28.7 Fleet Weather Central Captain Rafferty

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i. 28	TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (Cont.)	
	Naval Airships Training and Experimental	
Command		RAdm Rosendahl
	Vessels and Aircraft assigned for	
	training	
j. 29	TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE	RAdm Taffinder
	Service Force	
29.1	<u>Service Group</u>	
	3 APo	
	ATF (as assigned)	
	1 ATR	
	2 PG	
	1 SC	
	3 YP	
	1 YTB	
29.2	<u>Mine Group</u>	
	2 MS	
	3 AM	
29.3	<u>Logistic Group</u>	
	6 AF	
	10 AO	
	7 ODD	

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j. 29.4 Utility Wing

VJ-4

VJ-5

VJ-15

VJ-16

29.5 Fleet Administrative Officers

29.5.1 FAO, Boston

29.5.3 FAO, New York

29.5.5 FAO, Norfolk

29.5.6 FAO, Charleston

29.6 Special groups or units reporting for  
loading and onward routing  
Vessels temporarily assigned from  
other Fleets and Forces.

k. 60 TASK FORCE SIXTY Adm Ingram

UGS-GUS Convoy Escort Force

60.1-12 (Inclusive)

60 DD, DE or PF (as assigned from TF-21)

l. 61 TASK FORCE SIXTY-ONE Adm Ingram

CU-UC Convoy Escort Force

61.1-6 (Inclusive)

60 DD or DE (as assigned from TF-21)

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m. 62 TASK FORCE SIXTY-TWO Adm Ingram  
UGF-GUF Convoy Escort Force  
62.1-2 88 DD (as assigned from TF-21)  
n. 63 TASK FORCE SIXTY-THREE Adm Ingram  
Special Escort Force  
As Assigned  
o. FOURTH FLEET VAdm Monroe

(See Composition of the FOURTH Fleet)

